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RUMANIA BECOMES UNEASY

The greatest uneasiness is felt in Rumania at the increasing arrivals of fresh German troops which are now estimated to total 12 divisions, says the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The correspondent adds that the number is expected shortly to reach 18 divisions.

Rumanian military circles consider these moves are aimed to occupy Rumania in the event of upheavals that might imperil German food supplies.

They would also hold a threat over south-eastern European States and Turkey particularly, and also to prepare for a Spring offensive against Greece.

German troops arrive mostly straight from France, officers saying they came from Paris in a week. They are accompanied by a number of Renault (French) lorries.

The troops are in four main groups, one in Moldavia, opposite the Soviet frontier, the second in the region of Bucharest and the Promesti oil zone, the third, apparently reserves, in Banat, where it is supported by members of the German minority holding key posts in municipalities, and the

HITLER-IL DUCE CONFERENCE REPORT DENIED

Reports spread abroad concerning a meeting between Italian and German personages are devoid of foundation, states the official Italian news agency, Stefani, evidently referring to the talk of a meeting pending between Hitler and Mussolini. — Reuter.

HONOUR FOR R.A.F.

THREE R.A.F. OFFICERS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE HIGHEST POLISH AWARD.

They are Squadron Leader R.G. Kellett, J. A. Kent and A. S. Ford. All are leaders of Polish squadrons and were presented with their medals by General Sikorski, the Polish Commander-in-Chief. All three already hold the D.F.C., while Kellett also holds the D.S.O. — Reuter.

fourth group along the line of the Danube opposite Bulgaria. — Reuter.

HOLLAND BASE FOR ATTACK

THE NUMBER OF German soldiers now in Holland is much bigger than even the most extensive army of occupation would justify, according to well-informed Dutch circles in London yesterday.

A great number are stationed in coastal districts which have been declared defence areas.

Dutch cigar manufacturers have to supply over 50 million cigars a month to the German army, of which 40 million are said to be smoked by German soldiers in Holland.

Even if every soldier gets one cigar a day this would mean over a million German soldiers now in Holland.

Ten million Dutch cigars are sent to Belgium and France.

Base Against England

That Holland is now being used as a base for attack

against England was clearly stated in an article in the Dutch Nazi newspaper in which relations between Dutch and Germans were discussed.

The writer complained of bad feeling existing among the population, stating: "It is not in the interest of Netherlands to commit sabotage or to demonstrate against the Germans."

He admitted, however, that the position was improved by the fact that the Germans exercised "to the full the right of an occupying power." — Reuter.

'More Like Stoking Than Bombing'

AFTER THE FIRST WAVE OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT HAD ARRIVED OVER WILHELMSHAVEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IT WAS ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE STRONG FORCE WHICH FOLLOWED TO FIND THE DUTCH COAST, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

From then onwards they were led by the glare in the sky right across Holland and 50 miles into Germany to a waste of flames which was all many pilots could see of the main base of the German North Sea Fleet.

Chief focus of attack was Bauhaven, where are crowded shipways, docks, engineering works, storehouses, assembling sheds, armour-plate shops, foundries, iron works, gun stores and a floating dock for the largest warships. All this area was one raging fire.

A pilot said: "It was more like

stoking than bombing. We just shovelled our bombs into the fires and watched them increase."

Two Attacks

Fires covered thousands of square yards within which lay a large proportion of Wilhelmshaven's military objectives. Huge explosions also were heard.

The first attack lasted from 8 p.m. till midnight.

The second attack, between 5 and 6 a.m. yesterday morning, started many new fires and also encouraged flames which were still burning.

Few targets in Germany are so well defended and pilots had to pass through a prodigious barrage. — Reuter.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

The German public is wondering once more about when the much promised invasion of Britain is to take place.

The Nazi organ "Voelkische Beobachter" yesterday devoted a leading article in an attempt to "prove" that there has been no invasion because it is better to keep the people of the British Isles "under nervous strain" by a threatened invasion.

Neutral observers, however, say that the nervous strain is telling more on the Germans than on the British.

The Turkish newspaper "Ulus" says that the German Press, which has recently been urging immediate action before the United States help can materialise, has given a picture of a nation torn by anxiety and concern.

"Ulus" notes the resemblance with the position in 1917.

In 1917, the paper says, Germany dominated Europe, but was faced with growing support for the Allies from the United States.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food processes. Three separate compartments in the unit provide three different types of dry all-around preservation, as butter, milk and berries. A second compartment is designed for cooked meats, vegetables, retailed meats, original flavour, and vitamins. The third compartment is powered by a fan for quick freezing of meats designed for frozen foods and desserts.

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Pandora Bags Two Italians

Information has been received in London that H.M. Submarine Pandora has sunk two Italian supply ships in the Mediterranean.

Both were of about 5,000 tons and were south-bound towards North Africa.

One of them had a deck cargo of motor vehicles. — Reuter.

***Pandora, a submarine of 1,475 tons, was formerly stationed in Hong Kong as part of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla.

NAVAL PROGRAMME APPROVED

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday unanimously approved the request of the authorities for \$909,000,000 to spend on 400 relatively small new ships mainly submarine chasers, mine-sweepers and torpedo-boats. — Reuter.

H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON LOST

Burst Into Flames And Sunk By British Forces

Majority Of Crew Saved

THE ADMIRALTY announced yesterday that the cruiser, Southampton — target of joint German and Italian air attack in the Central Mediterranean last Friday — is a total loss.

Bursting into flames after she had been hit, she had to be sunk by British forces when she could not be towed to port.

The Admiralty communique states, "The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M. Ship Southampton (Captain B. C. D. Brooks) has become a total loss.

As announced on January 14, the Southampton was hit during an air attack on our ships in the Mediterranean.

Sunk By Our Forces

Fire broke out on board. As a result of the damage, the fire later attained such proportions that it became necessary to abandon ship.

Southampton had subsequently to be sunk by our own forces when it was found impracticable to tow her into port. A great majority of her crew have been saved."

The cruiser Southampton, of 9,000 tons, was launched at Clydebank in 1936. She had a speed of 32 knots and a main armament of 12 six-inch guns. She was an escort vessel when their Majesties the King and Queen visited Canada and the United States.

Early in the war she suffered three casualties when Nazi raiders bombed shipping in the Firth of Forth. —Reuter.

MR. OKAZAKI SPEAKS HIS PIECE

Japan's desire for closer trade relations with India were stressed in an interview with Reuter given by Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, formerly Consul-General in Hong Kong, on his arrival in Calcutta to become Japanese Consul-General there.

He said he did not think that there had been any change in Japan's attitude towards the European war.

He expressed surprise at the fact that the Japanese in India had recently sent their families home, but he had brought his wife and family with him to India.

Mr. Okazaki denied that Japan had any ambition to expand southward. As far as he knew, Japan's negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies for oil were proceeding smoothly.

As regards Japan's trade with India, the position was satisfactory, but Japan desired closer trade relations and it was his duty to do his best to bring that about. —Reuter.

MR. HOOVER ENTERS THE ARENA

Ex-President Herbert Hoover yesterday wrote to Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, requesting definition of President Roosevelt's powers under the Lease-and-Lend Bill.

He called on the Committee to draft into the Bill "positive definitions of the powers of the President and specifically to exclude what they are not."

Mr. Hoover declares such action would eliminate much controversy and bitterness. —Reuter.

7-HOUR ATTACK ON H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS

A THRILLING ACCOUNT of how the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* successfully fought off determined dive-bombing attacks during Friday's German/Italian attack on a convoy is told by a correspondent who was on board her.

Despite the fact that she was hit by a heavy bomb almost at the beginning, *Illustrious* successfully fought off her attackers for seven hours, during which it is estimated that from 40 to 50 German 'planes dropped at least 100 1,000-lb. bombs in an attempt to sink her.

The correspondent was in the mess-room when the bugles sounded the warning of the attack. He rushed to the bridge and had only just reached it when a heavy bomb struck the flight deck.

All the anti-aircraft guns were blazing away and although the German 'planes dived from all

directions, every gun crew kept up a steady stream of fire.

They stood in their unprotected positions, blazing away, despite flying splinters and machine-gun fire from the 'planes.

What few breathing spells there were were used by the crew to carry the wounded to places of comparative safety.

One heavy bomb dropped in the water close to the ship, sending a column of water high over the bridge and blowing the correspondent through a hatchway to the deck below.

Between 2. p.m. and 7.30 p.m., there were never more than a few minutes free from action.

Just before the 7-hour ordeal ended, the German 'planes made a determined torpedo attack.

The Rear-Admiral stood on the bridge and gave the order to push ahead at top speed the moment the Germans dived.

Their torpedoes swished harmlessly into the water a few feet from her stern. The German attack cost them dear, for 'plane after 'plane was caught in the curtain of fire and destroyed. — Reuter.

SOVIET-JAPANESE PACT HANGS FIRE

THAT THE SOVIET-JAPANESE Pact is hanging fire and agreement appears as far off as ever, is the general impression in Moscow.

With the arrival of the new Japanese Ambassador, Lieutenant-General Tatekawa last October, the conviction grew that a Soviet-Japanese non-aggression pact would be signed very shortly.

M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, and Mr. Y. Matsumoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, have both stated that there was no reason why relations between the two countries should not be on a normal footing and it was generally believed that the new Ambassador brought a scheme on which a measure of agreement had been reached and he has seen M. Molotov several times, but apparently an agreement is as far off as ever.

Fishery Question

It is generally believed that the Japanese were prepared to make far-reaching concessions in return for Soviet recognition of Manchukuo and cessation of Soviet help to China.

It is rumoured that Japan would regard Inner Mongolia as a Soviet sphere of influence, accord special railway and clearance facilities at Dairen and might even come to an agreement over southern Sakhalin but Japan would not give way on the question of fisheries so vital to Japan. Russia never having accepted gladly the loss of fishing rights which Japan gained after the Russo-Japanese War. —Reuter.

CRACK RACEHORSE DESTROYED

The crack racehorse, *Glory of India*, (formerly *Tantmieux*) met with an accident yesterday when preparing for the Eclipse Stakes of India and had to be destroyed. Recently, an offer of 150,000 rupees was refused for its sale. — Reuter.

HUGE U.S. BUILDING PROGRAMME

President Roosevelt has formally asked Congress for authority to build a fleet of two hundred merchant ships "on an emergency basis."

He has also asked for an appropriation of \$213,000,000 to cover the cost.

The President made the request in a Message to Congress in which he said: "I am convinced that the national interest demands that immediate steps be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

The Message added: "The emergency ship construction proposals should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range shipbuilding programme which the United States Maritime Commission is already pushing forward, nor with naval construction."

There has been some speculation on whether these new ships might be sent to Britain or replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain. — Reuter.

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British Appeal To Japan To Effect A Rapprochement

Significant British Press Comment

FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS were the subject of leading articles in two influential British newspapers yesterday. First, "The Times" discussed the situation in the Netherlands East Indies and Japan, and second, the prominent provincial newspaper "Yorkshire Post" appealed to Japan to effect a rapprochement with the Democracies.

"The Times" emphasised the strong pro-British sympathies in the Dutch Indies and recalls that immediately Holland was overrun Tokyo assumed the Dutch colonial Empire would be ready to receive Japanese "assistance."

The special mission under Mr. Kobayashi found the Indies willing to negotiate on an economic basis only, and returned to Tokyo with every protestation that the Indies did not come within the scope of the "new order of Greater Asia."

Although this is doubtless the official Tokyo view, says "The Times," "it cannot altogether be without significance that the Japanese League for Emancipation of South-Eastern Asiatic Nations has just issued a flamboyant manifesto in which the races of the East Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and even India are mentioned as among those to be liberated."

Stand Together

"The Times" adds that such emancipation is unlikely to appeal to any of these peoples. This form of charity begins at home — Japanese-occupied China, for instance.

The paper concludes that although Japan has so much in hand the Netherlands authorities are not taking risks and much wealth is being spent for defence measures.

"In the East as in the West, Great Britain and Holland stand together."

Axis Pact And Japan

Under the title "Japan thinks it over," the "Yorkshire Post" discusses the effects of the Axis Pact on Japan.

Chief result hitherto has been to bring Britain and America closer together in uncompromising resistance to Japan's aggressive designs.

The paper recalls that Mr. Cordell Hull on Wednesday pointed out that the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interests would be friendly relations with the United States.

"Even to the fire-eaters in Tokyo that should be obvious enough; it is equally true of Japan's relations with the British Empire."

Japan's Chief Need

The "Yorkshire Post" points out Japan's dependence on America for engineering supplies and vital raw materials.

It emphasises that Japan depends on Britain for 70 per cent. of the profits of her foreign trade.

More than this: the friendship of America and Britain would invite her collaboration in a new world order, not based, like Hitler's, on tyranny and fraud but framed to ensure justice and security for all nations, great and small.

The article concludes that there are signs that Japan has begun to think over the alternatives, and declares her chief need is for a statesman with the courage to join Mr. Cordell Hull in telling

her where her true interests lie before the "unhappy entanglement with the Axis becomes irrevocable." — Reuter.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN POLAND

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN OCCUPIED POLAND HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE COMPLETE REORGANISATION OF THE POLISH RAILWAYS AND WATERWAYS IN ORDER TO ADAPT THEM TO THE GERMAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO NEWS RECEIVED IN LONDON BY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES.

The plan is for the extension of the waterways, including the linking of Polish canals with German canals from east to west.

Polish circles in London also note with interest that all German stations along the Soviet-German frontier are to be considerably enlarged.

The Vistula is to be linked with the Oder and the Danube by a canal. Bydgoszcz Canal will be deepened to take ships of 1,000 tons displacement. — Reuter.

ITALIAN 'PLANES ROT ON GROUND

ITALIAN 'PLANES lie rotting at the vast abandoned Italian aerodrome at El Adem, south of Tobruk in Libya, states the Air Ministry News Service.

Most of the 'planes had already been rendered unserviceable by R.A.F. attacks and they were finally set on fire by the retreating Italians.

In one hangar alone, there were 22 burnt-out skeletons of 'planes.

The huge aerodrome, now desolate, had been made by the Italians into a very comfortable base with up-to-date kitchens, shower-baths, billiard tables, tennis and badminton courts.

The important wireless installation at El Adem was destroyed before the Italians took to flight, but the large electric power station was left unscathed.

In the huge joiners' shop were discovered ten canvas squares with R.A.F. identification circles on them.

Huge Stocks Undamaged

All the machine-shops were equipped on up-to-date lines. All

HITLER'S REPLY TO PETAIN

Hitler's reply to a personal message which Marshal Petain sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday, according to the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse," the Zurich paper.

He says that the long awaited visit of De Brinon, the Vichy representative in Paris, to Vichy, is expected to take place very soon, and it would be followed by a Ca-

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Continued interest in Industrials was the main feature of operations on the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

Further substantial gains were recorded, especially among tobacco, breweries and the shares of heavy industry.

Home rails are also forging ahead and oils, after losing some ground, made a smart recovery. Diamonds and rubber issues attracted increased attention, Kaffirs closed firm.

Among foreign bond issues, Japanese eased, but Chinese were well supported.

Wall Street was quiet and steady.

Cabinet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations.

The correspondent recalls that De Brinon is expected to bring Hitler's reply to Petain's message. — Reuter.

LONDON MURDER

ACCUSED'S R.A.F. SON TESTIFIES

The inquest on Mrs. Lloyd James, wife of Professor Lloyd James, who has been arrested and charged with her murder, was formally adjourned at St. Pancras yesterday until February 21, after the criminal proceedings against her husband have been completed.

A blood-stained carving-fork, and a hammer, found in the room with the corpse, were produced.

The son of Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd James, David, now a flying officer in the Royal Air Force, and formerly the youngest B.B.C. announcer, wearing his uniform, gave evidence of identification and revealed that it was he who found the body of his mother, with the recently used bloodstained carving-fork and hammer.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the famous pathologist, who performed the post-mortem examination, stated that the cause of death was a depressed fracture of the skull, consequent upon a blow on the head. The other injuries were not sufficient to cause death, but were consistent with the use of the fork. — Reuter.

ANOTHER WAR FRONT IN THE BALKANS?

THE TURKISH PRESS is again discussing the chances of the Balkans to keep out of the war.

"Cumhuriyet" says that if for any reason Bulgaria consents to the transit of German troops it would drag her right into the midst of the tempest and another war front would be opened.

Discussing Moscow's attitude, the paper says it would be a mistake to think that Soviet neutrality would remain unaffected in such an event.

Reports continue to be received that Germans are arriving in Bulgaria by the hundreds as "tourists" and "commercial travellers."

Moscow Radio has again broadcast a denial of German-inspired reports that Russia has consented to the movement of German troops in Bulgaria, and has also re-broadcast Bulgaria's denial of these reports.

The Bulgarian War Minister said yesterday that the danger might be avoided "but it may have to be overcome by force."

Another Turkish newspaper says that British successes have been responsible for the prevention of the spreading of war to Bulgaria. — Reuter.

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GERMANY NOW IN THE AIR WAR ON TWO FRONTS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

GERMANY IS AT WAR—in the air—on two fronts. So far in the Mediterranean the Nazi air squadrons based in Sicily have carried out one partially successful attack on British warships, notably on the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The bill Germany had to pay for that stroke was the loss of a number of Junkers dive-bombers at the time, but more important was the disclosure of one nest at Catania, of which the R.A.F. took immediate advantage.

The Luftwaffe may have other bases in the Central Mediterranean, as at Sardinia, but it is almost certain that is on air control of the narrowest part of the "Italian lake" on which it pins its greatest hopes. of:—

Firstly, forcing the British Mediterranean Fleet apart and keeping each half in its eastern and western basins;

Secondly, freeing the stranglehold on the Italian army in Libya, so as to prolong their fight against the British forces in North Africa; and

Thirdly, preventing continued military assistance to the Greeks by at least one route until Spring brings a promise of the Italians in Albania fighting back over the ground they have lost.

German Daring

This project—even accenting the aid of Italian torpedo-bombers—presumes a regular smooth flow of personnel and supplies to replace losses—each time the Luftwaffe goes into action—over the Brenner Pass, down the hard-pressed Italian railway system and over to Messina or Palermo, another target of the R.A.F.

The more daring the German pilots—and they have shown over the Straits of Sicily as they did over the Straits of Dover before British fighters forced them to retire that they don't lack daring—the bigger will be these losses and the greater the strain on the supply system.

Acknowledging that the British Fleet will not be scared into seeking security and less still a way out through scuttling, there is no obvious reason why the R.A.F. and Navy together should not destroy the German air contingents' resources.

Landing in Sicily?

In the last resort a British landing in Sicily, to clean up the Nazi air nest's, should they become too great a source of embarrassment, is possible with Malta near.

Immediately the attack on *Illustrious* and *Southampton* would seem to suggest that convoys in the Mediterranean, like those in the English Channel, must at vulnerable points wear their full "curtain" of kite balloons and fighters to ensure their greater security.

Of far more permanent importance to the Axis than Nazi intervention in Sicily would have been the basing of German air aid in the early days of the Italian reversal in Greece—better still before the British landed in Crete in the Dodecanese.

The British entry into Libya and the investment of Tobruk, last port from which the starving Dodecanese could be refreshed, finally put an end to that possibility.

Unforeseen as was the necessity for such aid to Italy, Nazi air intervention in the Mediterranean now takes a form as intelligible as it could be.—Reuter.

RAF Pilot Makes History

A Royal Air Force night fighter pilot made war history on Wednesday night when, single-handed, he shot down and destroyed two German raiders.

He brought down the first victim after a running fight which began over London shortly after midnight.

Riddled with bullets and with both engines out of action, the bomber crashed near an Essex town with a terrific explosion.

The second victim was intercepted over Essex a few hours later. Damaged by a burst of fire it turned for home but was re-engaged and shot down.—Reuter.

PROHIBITION RULING

A special bench of the Bombay High Court yesterday refused leave to appeal against the High Court's decision in the prohibition case.

The Prohibition Law was introduced by the Congress Government in 1939 and, in effect, it has been invalidated by the High Court.—Reuter.

months. There were full supplies of sugar and also cement, of which there was an exportable surplus, and there was clothing of all sorts.

Referring to the sinking of ships bringing goods to Eire, Mr. Lemass said Government was endeavouring to purchase ships but that might not solve the problem. The loss of ships had made supplies of petrol uncertain. There was no cause for immediate anxiety as regards tea and no need for rationing.—Reuter.

EIRE'S SUPPLIES DIFFICULTY

Eire's supply difficulties as a result of the war were discussed in the Dail yesterday afternoon.

Mr. William Cosgrave, Opposition Leader, asked Government to indicate what steps were contemplated for equitable distribution of essential supplies in the event of an acute shortage developing.

Mr. Cosgrave referred to the recent restrictions on the use of petrol and spoke of the shortage of tea.

Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Supplies, replying, said that the country was lucky that it had not felt the effects of the war more seriously during the last 15

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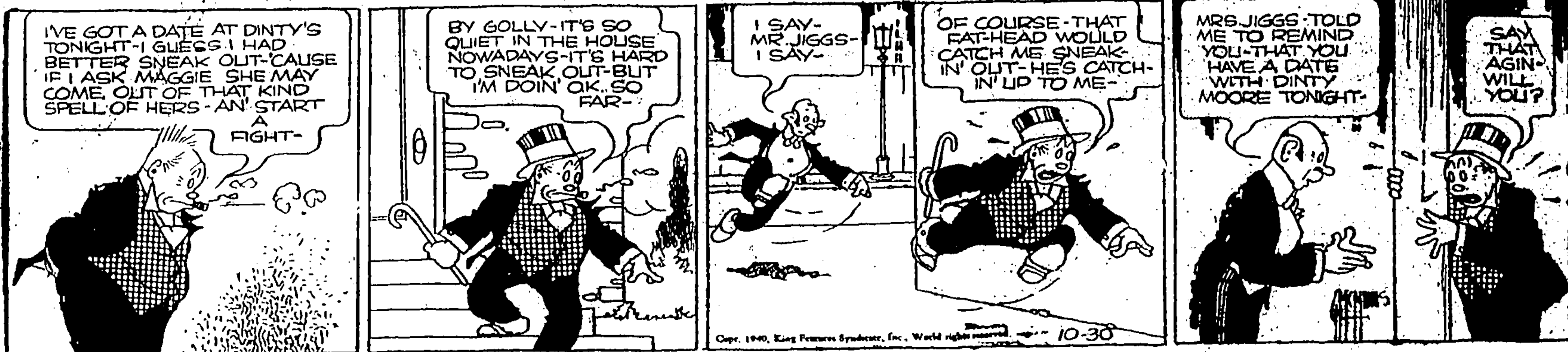
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"What about bombing Berlin?" called crowds of office girls, warehousemen and shopkeepers when Mr. Churchill walked through wrecked and burning business premises in the East End of London.

And Winston, pausing a moment, predated himself with a forefinger and replied, with a grim smile: "Leave it to me!"

Later an old workman called: "Give it to 'em Winnie - give 'em Hell!"

Churchill raised his hat to the workmen and called back: "We'll do our damndest."

The Prime Minister walked through the whole of the damaged area, complimented the firemen at work and grinned above his cigar at the cheering crowds, who waited for him outside the danger zone.

Girls clambered on to the car as the Prime Minister drove into the district.

The well-known hat, the famous cigar and the unbeatable smile vanished back into the waiting car while the crowds of men and girls, many of them thrown out of work by the bomb damage, cheered and waved goodbye.

MORE U.S. NAVY TRANSFERS IN THE OFFING?

COL. FRANK KNOX, Secretary for the Navy, declared in Washington yesterday that he would object to any clause being inserted in the "Lease And Lend Bill" to prevent transfer of any part of the United States Navy.

Col. Knox made this statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

He gave as reason for his objection that he could foresee conditions under which the navy could be transferred on very advantageous terms.

In the course of his evidence, Col. Knox said that the essence of the President's plan was that the United States should become virtually the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war materials produced in the United States.

There would thus be constituted one great funnel through which all such material would flow.

"We shall then be in a position to apportion these munitions among ourselves and other demo-

cracies whose defence is important to us."

British Assets

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declaring himself in favour of the Lease-and-Lend Bill, told his press conference yesterday that, to the best of his knowledge, the Churchill Government had no assets available for American purchases apart from the U.S.\$1,775,000,000 which he reported to Congress on Wednesday.

He explained that although the assets did not include the values of Canadian or other Empire investments in the United States, these additional resources were not available for London.

Declining to offer any estimate of the value of these assets, Mr. Morgenthau said: "The British Empire is a family and it has the same problems as a human family. Because some members of a family have assets, it does not mean necessarily that they belong to the rest of the family." — Reuter.

SLOWED FACTORY — MUST PAY

Accused of slowing down the output of a factory by absenting themselves from work six workmen were ordered to pay damages ranging from £5 to 10s. at a Midlands Police Court.

Their ages ranged from twenty-five to sixteen. All were ordered to pay an additional 8s. 6d. costs. They were exempt from military service, and one, said prosecuting counsel, had been discharged from the Army so that he should carry on with his work at the firm.

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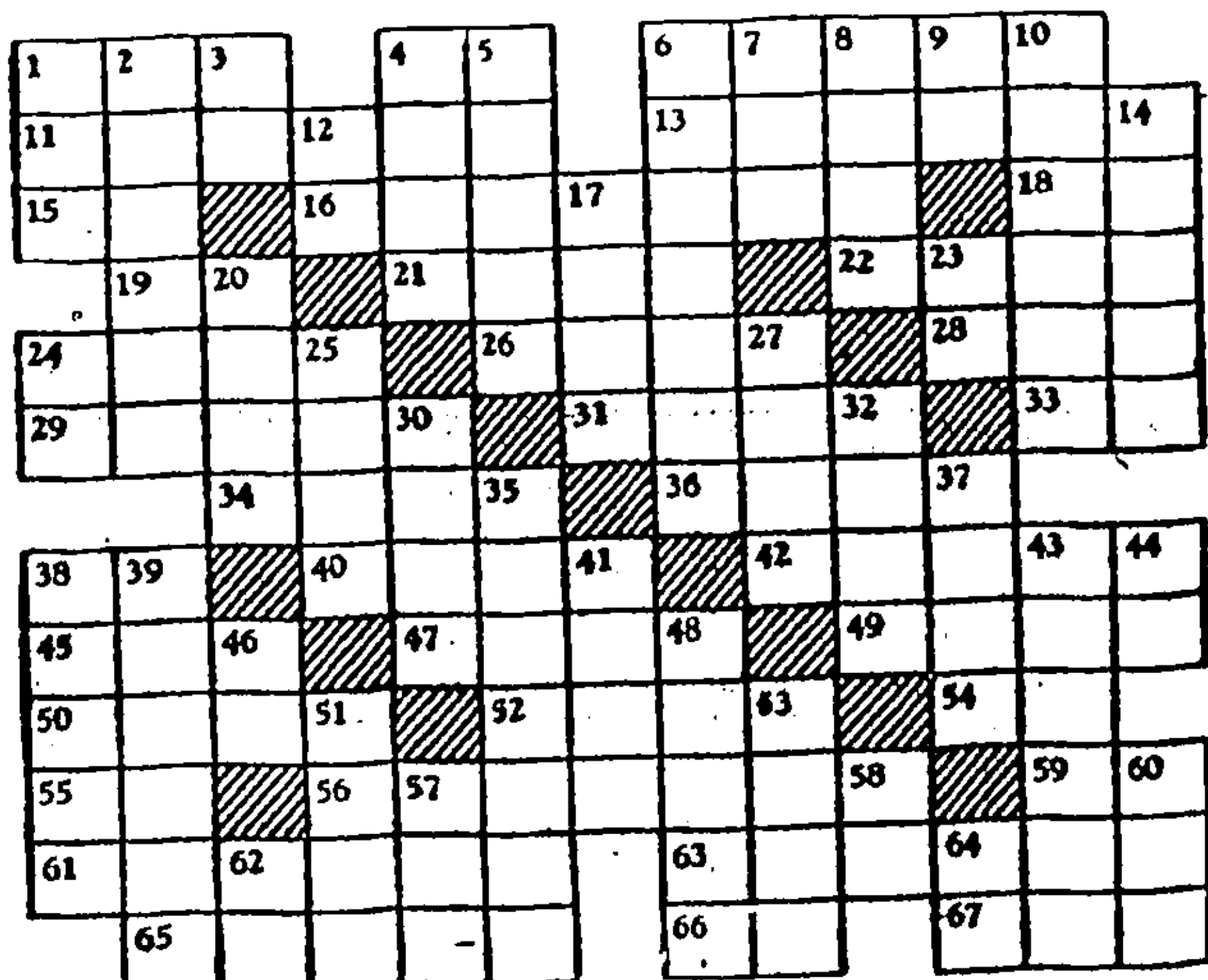
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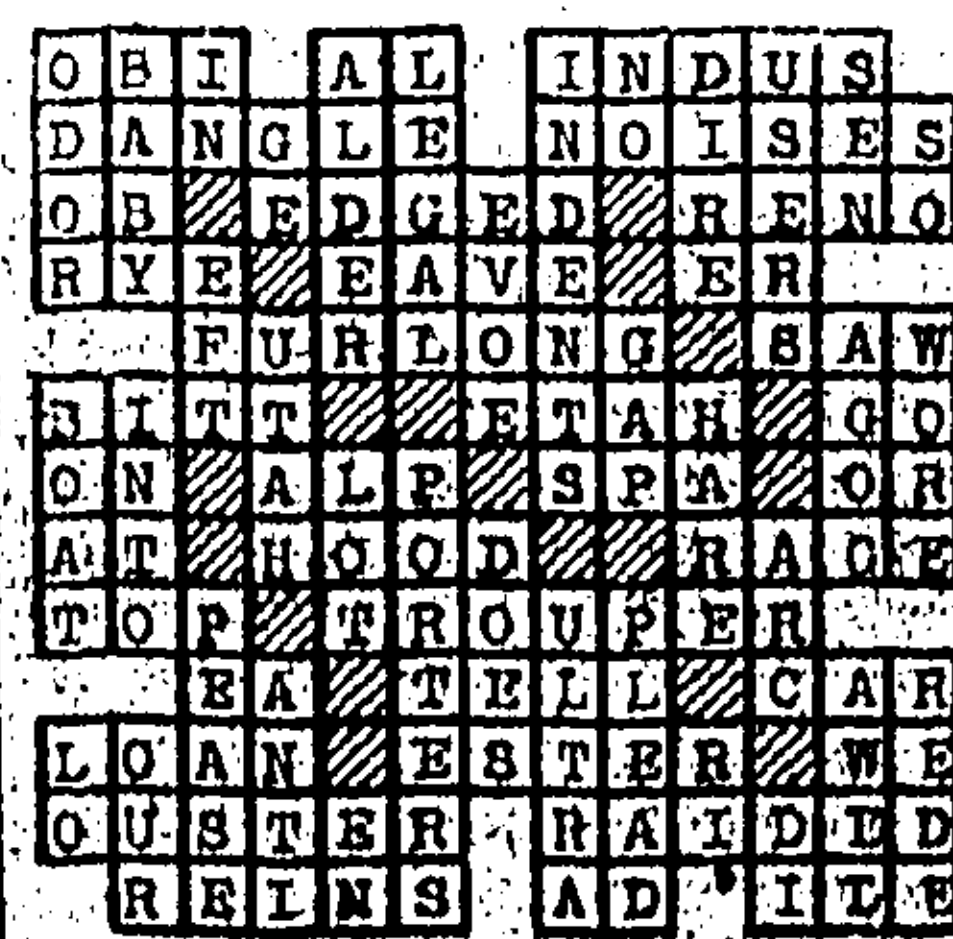
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Dread
- 4 Toward
- 6 To cool suddenly
- 11 To stumble
- 13 Pertaining to the Muses
- 15 Note of scale
- 16 White of an egg
- 18 Roman gods
- 19 Brother of Odin
- 21 Strips
- 22 Party
- 24 Saucy
- 26 Joust
- 28 Dry
- 29 To ascend
- 31 Tailless amphibian
- 33 Concerning
- 34 Hub of a wheel
- 36 Neat
- 38 Japanese money
- 40 Mature
- 42 Species of iris
- 45 French coin
- 47 Italian coin
- 49 To hind
- 50 Land measure
- 54 Slang detective

VERTICAL

- 1 Near the stern
- 2 Relinquishment of a right
- 3 Spanish article
- 4 To narrate
- 5 Heavenly body's path
- 6 Seat of King Arthur's court
- 7 Tilling implement
- 8 Caravansaries
- 9 Chinese measure
- 10 Device for climbing
- 12 Symbol for tantalum
- 14 Daughter of one's aunt
- 17 Single thing
- 20 Elre
- 23 Exists
- 24 Colloquial: father
- 25 Former Russian ruler
- 27 Edible root
- 30 Iniquity
- 32 Fifth
- 33 Outer skin (var.)
- 37 To seize
- 38 Intended
- 39 Happens
- 41 Scandinavian explorer
- 43 South-American creeping plant
- 44 Compass point
- 46 City in Chaldea
- 48 One who plays a part
- 51 Famous Italian family
- 53 Military cap
- 57 Edible seed
- 58 Note of scale
- 60 Man's name
- 63 Pronoun
- 64 Artificial language

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A FRANK ADMISSION OF THE INABILITY OF THE ITALIAN FLEET TO PREVENT THE BRITISH FROM MAKING FULL USE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WAS CONTAINED IN AN EDITORIAL APPEARING IN THE "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF THE PAPER'S NAVAL CORRESPONDENT, SIGNOR ANGELO GINOCHIETTI.

The correspondent attributed this situation to the belief that Great Britain was using about 500,000 tons of warships in the Mediterranean, "which gave them a clear numerical superiority over the Italian navy."

"This numerical superiority," he thought, "particularly in battleships has made it impossible for the Italian navy to control even the Straits of Sicily, and has compelled it to carry out a programme of harassing the British naval forces as much as possible, an operation which is less difficult in the central Mediterranean than elsewhere in that sea."

The correspondent asserted that in September 1938, at the time of the Munich crisis, the British fleet consisted of fifteen battleships, seventy cruisers, seven aircraft-carriers, 190 destroyers and seventy submarines.

British "Losses"

"If the losses suffered by that navy since the outbreak of hostilities are taken into consideration, it appears that the greater part of the British fleet is now concentrated in the Mediterranean, particularly as far as the battleships and aircraft-carriers are concerned," he wrote.

According to the correspondent, the British naval units at present in the Mediterranean consist of eight battleships of 32,000 tons each, several aircraft-carriers, a number of 10,000 ton and smaller cruisers, and many destroyers and submarines.

Against this "huge force," the task of the Italian fleet had been reduced to hampering British communication lines in the Mediterranean and protecting the Italian lines.

Reiterating that the Straits of Sicily were still open to the British, the correspondent stressed that "to close them would necessitate a clear superiority in military means and in battleships, the latter proving a decisive factor in any naval engagement."

"As far as we are concerned, the British have always enjoyed this superiority," he added.

The main naval engagement between the British and Italian fleets he declared, occurred in the Straits of Sicily on the night of October 12 last, and, a few days later, South of Cape Teulada.

The correspondent then declared that every time a British convoy sailed from Gibraltar to Alexandria, "the entire British fleet escorts it."

Remarkable Claim

However, he claimed, "the operations of the Italian fleet were sufficient to compel most of the British naval convoys sent from home waters to the Mediterranean to assist in the North African campaign, to reach their destination by going around the Cape, thus lengthening their journey by some 8,000 miles and delaying their arrival by over 20 days."

The writer then proceeded to evaluate the respective losses suffered by the British and Italian navies in the Mediterranean. The British, he said, including ships sunk and those put out of action for an indefinite period, lost twenty submarines, six cruisers, ten destroyers, a minelayer, a patrol-ship, and two unidentified units, to which must be added a light cruiser and a destroyer, sunk in the Atlantic.

"The Italians," he asserted, "lost eleven submarines, one cruiser, four destroyers, and a mosquito torpedo boat."

WHY R.A.F. BOMBED LORIENT

As the Germans find their preparations in the North Channel ports more and more disturbed it would be natural for them to turn to French harbours a little farther away from our aerodromes.

Some movement of this kind must explain our severe bombing of the port of Lorient, which lies seventy miles south-east of Brest on the southern side of the Brittany peninsula.

East of the town lies the big French naval dockyard, while to the south is the commercial harbour, which, if there is any blockade-breaking, would be useful to the Germans for supplies from Spain.

Of ships whose names we have heard since the fall of France, the battleships Courbet and Provence were built at Lorient together with many of France's destroyers.

The small town is old and its history has been interwoven with ours—not always happily. It was founded in the seventeenth century by the French East India Company, which named it, after itself, "L'Orient."

There sailed to it what riches the French could wrest from us in India, and after Bengal had been captured by the British in 1753 its prosperity declined.

The French East India Company collapsed, but its docks in Lorient were taken over by the State and the citizens, disappointed of commerce, found new wealth in the making of warships. Because of the present plight of the French Navy, forced as it is to aid German plans against us, a statue in the port of Lorient has taken on a new significance today.

It is to Bisson, a young lieutenant in the French Navy, who died in 1827. He blew up his ship to prevent its falling into the hands of pirates.

RHEUMATICS RESULT OF MODERN WARFARE

The high incidence of rheumatism among soldiers is probably due to the intensive development of mechanised warfare, involving work in cramped conditions with frequent changes of temperature, says the annual report of the Empire Rheumatism Council.

The Council, of which the Duke of Gloucester is president, and Lord Horder chairman, points out that such conditions are especially productive of rheumatic conditions.

It offers Australian Army medical authorities help to deal with incidence of rheumatism in the Australian forces.

Lieut.-Colonel Anderson expressed appreciation of the offer, and documents embodying the Council's views will be sent to Australia and to the A.I.F. in the East and in Britain.

The Council is now well equipped to advise how the ravages of rheumatism can be checked.

WITH A KNIFE SHE FOILED ARMED BANK BANDITS

A YOUNG GIRL, armed with a carving knife, foiled I.R.A. men in one of a series of raids by armed bandits on Belfast banks and post offices when, it is officially stated, £2,165 was stolen.

The girl, Miss Nellie Cunningham, who was in charge of a post office in the Falls Road neighbourhood, was threatened by five men, armed with revolvers, who said they were members of the I.R.A.

The two banks raided were branches of the Munster and Leinster Bank, where £620 was stolen, and the National Bank, both in Falls Road.

MOUSE, SYMBOL OF HOPE, HAD DIED

When a bomb fell on a London printing works, burying Francis Irish in the debris, his bride of three weeks refused to believe he was dead. Symbol of her hopes was a mouse, found unharmed amid the debris.

She gave it to her sister to keep for her while she watched the rescue party's efforts.

After seventy-two hours Irish was found—dead. Mrs. Irish collapsed. When her sister returned from taking her to hospital she found that the mouse, too, had died.

Two banks and seven post offices were raided by the armed bandits.

At Edenderry Post Office, Crumlin Road, the Postmistress, Miss Davison, raised the alarm and one of the raiders fired two shots at her.

She was taken to hospital with a wound in the leg.

Another of the raiders grabbed a bundle of notes and the men then fled. A pedestrian who tried to stop one of them was threatened with a revolver.

Police-Serg. Lynch with a party of constables later went to a house. As they entered the door a shot was fired. Though wounded the sergeant returned the fire.

A Belfast youth, aged 20, was later taken to hospital with a bullet wound in the body.

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FLOTSAM OF WAR IN THE DESERT

(From A Special Correspondent)

TO-DAY I STOOD ON the summit of a barren stony escarpment rising above Sollum and looked into Libya over which the smoke of the battle between the British troops and the desperately resisting Italians blackened the sky. Far below, the shattered town of Sollum, spread out along the edge of the blue bay, was quiet in the cold winter sunlight, and groups of dejected prisoners stood about. I had spent 36 hours travelling here from Mersa Matruh, through country littered with the flotsam of war.

I slept last night in the lines of one of the British infantry battalions which played a big part in the success of the offensive. The Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the battalion is an Englishman who served in the last war as a staff officer with the fourth division of the A.I.F.

His battalion had a stiff fight at Sidi Barrani though they met no opposition when they came to close quarters and charged the Italian positions with fixed bayonets. The company commander told me: "The Italians refused to face cold steel. They rushed out with their hands raised, calling for mercy."

I drove on to Sollum to-day along a narrow coastal plain bordered on each side by low ridges. It was wrapped in the profound hush of death. As we passed through clumps of camel bush, which was the only vegetation we came suddenly on a salt pan where one of the most heroic actions of the offensive was fought. Mute witnesses to it were some British tanks bogged down in the muddy surface of the salt pan. They were all scarred by shells from the Italian battery of field guns on the ridge.

Crew Dead At Posts

The Italian crew of one gun lay dead behind its gun. A young second lieutenant lay behind another gun, and his hand still rested on the breech in a gesture which had been arrested by death. The pulsing drone of an Italian plane engine sounded overhead and I dived into a hollow in the sand. The menacing sound gradually passed on and died away.

I drove on along the road, and it was an unbelievable sight. Every few hundred yards there were clusters of Italian motor vehicles and unexploded hand grenades were strewn over almost every foot of the road to Sollum.

Threw Down Arms

Abandoned rifles with belts whose pouches were crammed with ammunition lay every few yards where they had been dropped by the Italian troops when they surrendered.

There were few dead soldiers on the road. It was clear that the main body of defenders had thrown down their arms at the first staggering onset.

I am writing this dispatch in the light of a reeking oil lamp which hangs from the ceiling of an ancient Roman tomb. It is typical of many such tombs built by the Romans under the sands of the Western Desert, and consists of two chambers with niched walls in which caskets, holding the remains of dead Romans, have lain for centuries.

ENGINEER GUILTY OF SABOTAGE

POLICE GUARDED THE OLD BAILEY AND THE DOORS WERE LOCKED AND COVERED WITH BROWN PAPER WHEN THE TRIAL OF SAMUEL CHARLES MARTIN, AGED TWENTY-TWO, AN ENGINEER, WAS CONTINUED IN CAMERA. He had pleaded not guilty to three sabotage charges.

He was found guilty and bound over under the supervision of a probation officer for two years.

CATHOLICS' PRAISE OF GREECE

"NAZI PHILOSOPHY AND ACTION ARE IRRECONCILABLE WITH CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES."

This statement forms part of a resolution carried by the council of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

The council placed its view on record, "because of certain assertions of enemy origin that differences between the Holy See and Germany are being smoothed over."

It was emphasised that British Catholics were fighting the battle of Christianity no less than the battle of the Empire.

The council also expressed admiration for the heroic resistance of the Greeks to a wicked and treacherous attack.

NAZI TRIBUTE TO A.A. GUNS

Testimony to the manner in which the British defences hamper night raiders is provided by interviews with German pilots and eye-witness accounts given by

ITALIANS DEFINE 'WAR AIMS'

Italy's aspirations "are by no means invented by Fascism," a brief definition of Italian war aims, the first ever given since Italy's entry into war, asserted.

Stressing that Italians aims were purely economic, a semi-official comment outlined Italian war aims as follows:

"Free entry and exit to the Mediterranean, without having to request Britain's consent;

"Fulfillment of certain Italian aspirations known for over a century, by anyone familiar with Italian history. They were not invented by Fascism, and every Italian schoolboy knows them;

"When these basic national aspirations materialised, Italy's vital space would have to be enlarged, in order that 'proletarian and fascist Italy' should possess the prerequisite conditions of a more developed economic structure to assure her an economic independence and an improvement of her standard of life."

"All these aims explain the Italian people's unflinching determination to fight until final victory is achieved in full cooperation with her German ally," the same quarters declared. — Havas.

"front-line reporters" on the German wireless.

In an interview a Nazi pilot gave a graphic account of how during a night raid on London A.A. shell bursts drew nearer to his machine until finally one of his engines was put out of action.

He had to make for home, and after encounters with British fighters made an emergency landing on the first patch of clear country on the French coast. "Our crew had just time to get out of the plane without injury," he added.

NAZIS' NEW AIR FLEET DOUBTED

THE R.A.F. HAVE whipped Germany's best planes and pilots so far and will continue to whip them—German planes now "on the stocks" which are expected to come into use shortly will prove inferior to our own new types, British designers are convinced.

From the start of the war Germany has produced no new type except the Heinkel 113 fighter. This, judging from its infrequent appearances as escort for raiding bombers, is no better than the older Messerschmidt 109 and 110.

It is known that the Nazis have four, and probably five, new bomber designs under production. One, the Heinkel 118, is not underestimated. It is believed to be an improvement on the Heinkel 111, Germany's "stock" bomber.

But, while all Britain's planes have been successful in the jobs for which they were intended, Goering has had failures. His vaunted Dorniers, including the Flying Pencil branch of the family, failed so badly that they have been withdrawn.

With an eye to our purchases from the United States the Germans have designed a flying fortress. It is being made by the Focke-Wulf factory and is an improved version of the four-

engined Condor, occasionally seen over our coasts.

Easy For Spitfires

"It sounds like the answer to a Spitfire pilot's prayer," was one comment.

No details of new British types can yet be revealed.

New planes, with those coming in ever-increasing numbers from America, will make the R.A.F. a more terrific striking force than was imagined even a year ago.

While a plane can be mass-produced once it is started, it often takes months to build the first, because special machine tools must be manufactured or adapted.

As Goering's night hawks scatter bombs indiscriminately on Britain, our Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitleys have been systematically seeking out the German machine-tool factories. That's one reason why some of Hitler's much-lauded "future" planes are such a long time in taking the air.

SHELTER WHERE A.A. GUNS CAN'T BE HEARD

(By A London Correspondent)

I HAVE JUST SPENT an hour or two in probably the deepest shelter in London, and a deep shelter these days is what a millionaire's penthouse was in peace.

The barrage was at its height as I walked in. Gradually the booms softened to thuds as I descended, and at the 126th step they could not be heard at all.

On the platform, 145 steps or nearly 100ft below ground level, there was only a buzz of conversation, broken by nothing more sinister than a piercing snore which began about B in the bass and soared two octaves.

The shelterers had nearly all come prepared, as well they might after a fortnight's continuous experience. They were from places as far away as Dalston and Bermondsey; most of the East End was represented.

Three men lying side by side told me cheerfully that their homes had been destroyed in the first great week-end attack. They had sent their families to the country, and had since passed every night in underground stations.

Shelter Connoisseurs

They had tried half-a-dozen, and like others, had acquired a certain connoisseur attitude as luckier people in happier times do about hotels.

"Nah, I don't recommend this station," said one. "Until they stop the traffic you can't sleep a wink. People stepping all over you. — (another station), is too cold. At — there's no air — not what I call healthy. And take my advice and keep away from —; it's perishing draughty."

As the speaker was lying at that moment apparently oblivious to what seemed to me a moderate gale, I shudderingly promised to avoid —

Half the shelterers were women, and remarkably nonchalant they seemed. "They're going to white-wash the walls of the tunnel," one motherly soul told me, evidently surveying the possibilities of the place as a winter home. "Then it won't be too bad. But they'll have to put in heating. I got a shocking cold already. Simply shocking."

Children Cheerful

Most cheerful of all were the children. After seeing half-a-dozen youngsters getting into their blankets with broad smiles and giggles, I questioned one mother. "Oh, the kiddies seem to quite enjoy it," she replied. "Why? I suppose it seems a bit of a lark to them now. That's it, the excitement."

What makes the quest of underground stations significant is the fact that only a few hundred yards away I found two large basement shelters, warm and not overcrowded. Mattresses, stretchers and deck chairs showed that they were used every night by "regulars."

One of them, lying in an invalid chair, was a very old lady, frail and gentle. "Yes," she recalled, in her soft unhurried voice, "this is the third war the Germans have made in my lifetime. In 1871, when I was a child, my family took in a 17-year-old French boy from Paris, which the Prussians were then besieging.

"Three wars in 70 years — it's too much. But when a people have no respect for law and order and religion, what can you expect? The Germans will never come to any good."

PILOT'S EXPLOIT

The story of a Coastal Command Hudson pilot who continued his attack on a German supply ship after his plane was set ablaze by anti-aircraft shells was related last night. The Hudson was one of three patrolling off the Danish Coast recently.

"We were in battle formation," said the leader, "when we saw two armed merchant ships and split up to attack. When I had dropped my bombs I pulled out, circled round, and had a broad-side view of the next Hudson and I never took my eyes off him."

"I saw him start to come down in a dive. Then suddenly I saw flames coming from his port tank. I thought he might break off the attack or order his crew to bale out. But he carried on. Soon, he was over the ship and the flames were getting a firmer hold."

"Other crews saw his bombs fall very close to the ship. But I was watching the aircraft. It pulled up and started to gain height, still flaming. Then I think the pilot must have been hit himself. His aircraft turned over and plunged down, straight into the sea."

BLIND MAN SPOTTER IN LONDON

Keen Hearing A
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By A Correspondent

I called to see Mr. W. H. Lacey, of Victoria Road, Edmonton, recently. He is an ex-soldier, blinded in the last war, and one of more than 900 craftsmen who, working in their own homes, keep the St. Dunstan's stores in London supplied with their stock-in-trade. Mr. Lacey gave me a description of a blind man's reactions to air-raids.

Anybody less sorry for himself it would be impossible to conceive. Mr. Lacey, who played for Tottenham Hotspur Reserves when he was young, has the footballer's stocky build, and his mind is as firmly knit as his body. He radiates confidence and calm. "The only way the raids get me," he said, "is not being able to spot incendiaries, and not being able to get out and help after it is all over."

A big cinema almost at the bottom of his garden was hit not long ago, so he speaks from experience.

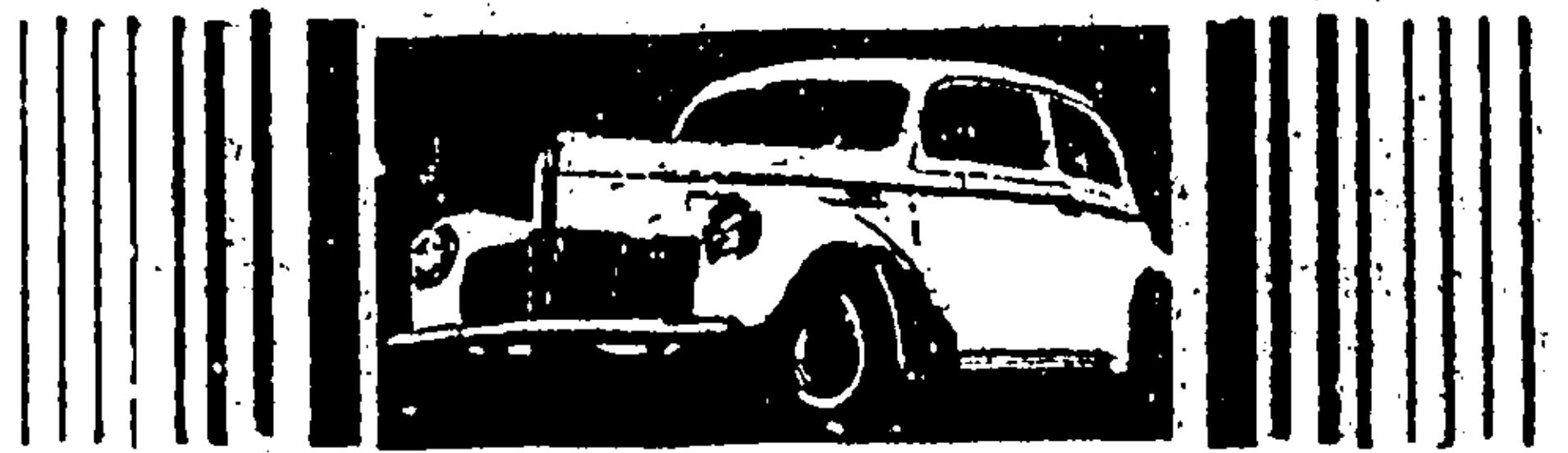
Envy of Spotters

But assuredly Mr. Lacey is at no great disadvantage through his disability. As he was with the anti-aircraft guns in the last war he has a trained ear, which seems to be able to follow aeroplanes about the sky with an ease which most sighted "spotters" might envy. When the family seeks shelter Mr. Lacey is very definitely in charge.

He has a theory that the bombers are getting help from the flashes from the trolley-buses; and he demonstrated, with an expertness very impressive to my unmechanical mind, how these flashes could be eliminated. While he was expounding this, I was struck by his extraordinarily sure sense of direction. Standing at the table in his little workshop, he has all London at his fingers' ends.

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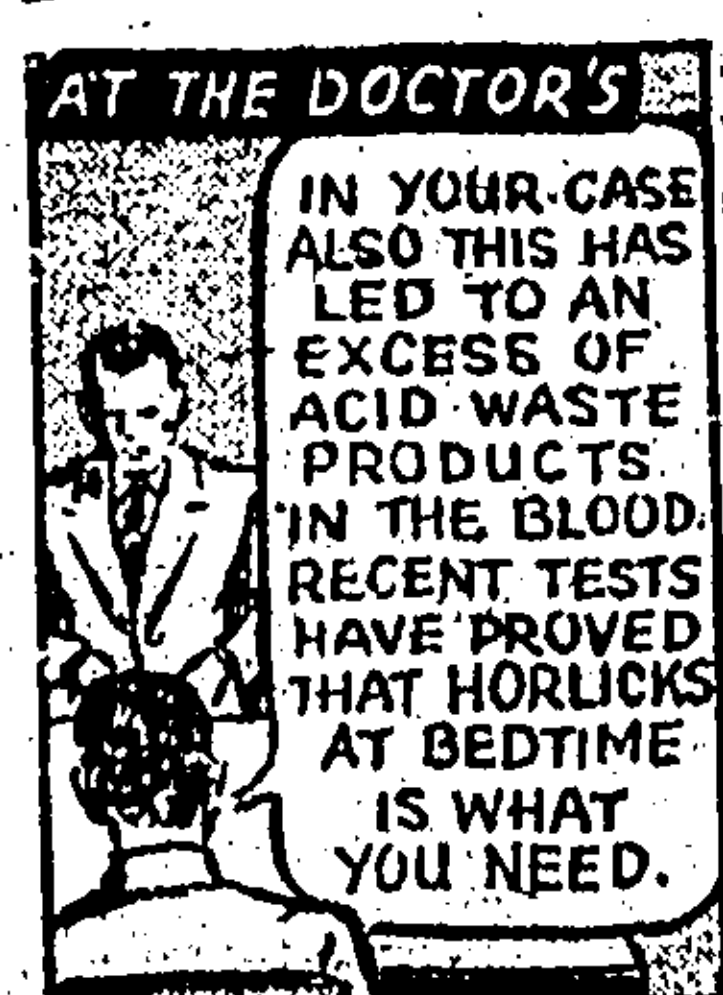
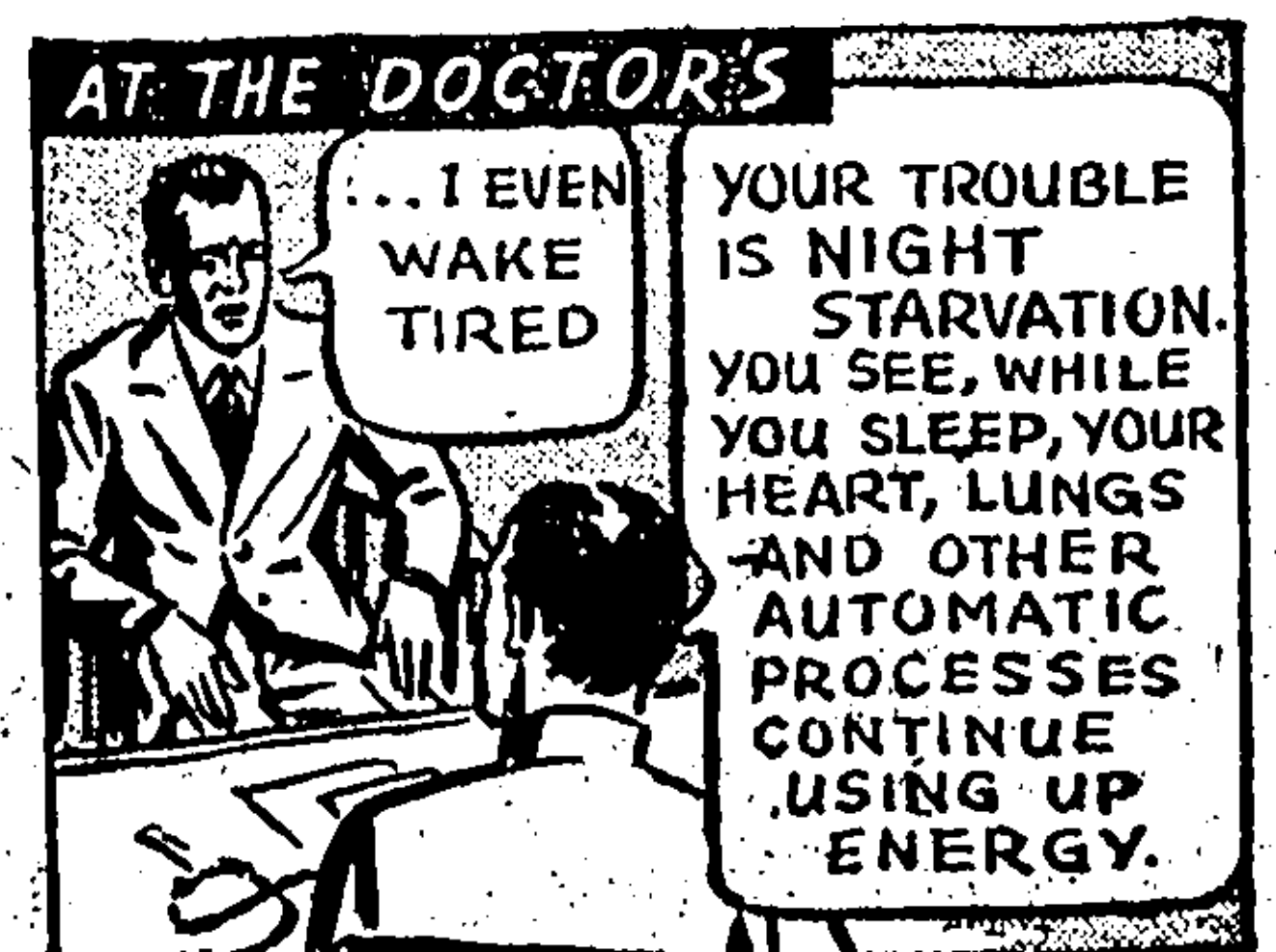
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BRIDGE NOTES

A CHEAP SLAM SUGGESTION

By The Four Aces

You don't really expect a player who passed at his first turn to make a Slam suggestion at his second turn to bid; but that was quite properly done by North in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q 9 8 4 3	♥ A	♦ 4 3 2	♣ A 7 8 2
♠ 7 2	♥ K Q J 6	♦ 3	♣ 10 8 7 4
♠ K Q J 6	♥ 3	♦ K 8 5	♣ J 10 7
♠ Q 10 5	♥ 8 5	♦ A K J 10 6	♣ 9 8 4 3
♠ A K J 10 6	♥ 9 5	♦ A Q 9 4	♣ K J

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass

North did not have enough high-card strength to open the bidding but noted that he held very nearly a "maximum pass." When South bid one spade, therefore, North decided to take energetic action to show both his excellent fit with spades and his considerable high-card strength.

West's overcall of two hearts gave North a perfect opportunity. The control-showing bid of three hearts showed no losers in that suit while at the same time guaranteeing a game and suggesting a Slam.

South temporised by bidding four diamonds, and North then made the fully expected return to four spades. Now South had to make a final decision, and his thoughts ran something like this: "My partner must have the heart Ace together with four or five spades to the Queen—but if that were all, he'd have bid two or three spades instead of three hearts. Therefore he must also have either the King of diamonds or the Ace of clubs."

Since either of those holdings would give him a good play for

M. P. SEES GAOL, ASKS SIR JOHN FOR FAIR PLAY

MR. EMANUEL SHINWELL, M.P., visited aliens interned in Pentonville Gaol—with the result that he intends to see Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, immediately.

He will demand fair play for the internees, many of whom are Dutch seamen whose ships were sunk by the Nazis.

After being in the water for hours, they were rescued—only to be put into Pentonville, where there are 200 criminals.

"The Dutch ask: 'Why are we here? Why can't we join a ship

or do a job for Britain?' Mr. Shinwell told a Political Correspondent.

"The trouble is that Sir John Anderson has too much on his hands. There should be a Minister for Home Affairs and another for Home Security.

"The practice of imprisoning the internees in Pentonville calls for immediate redress.

"Doctors, scientists, and ship-owners now rub shoulders with Chinese seamen and other coloured people.

"There are no facilities for work. From 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. men are in solitary confinement. Smoking is permitted only during exercises.

"I sampled the food and found it good. The warders and officials are humane and capable. I have no complaint against them.

"But this crazy system must be stopped. The internees should be transferred to special camps or allowed to do useful work in this country.

"As it is, every internee in Pentonville is costing the country about £2 a week.

"Mental Agony"

In Parliament Sir Richard Acland (Barnstaple) spoke of the "appalling mental agony" inflicted on interned aliens because they are not allowed to see newspapers.

For weeks, he said, they did not know what was happening outside. Who was responsible?

Sir John Anderson promised he would try to put things right in the future.

He announced that an inquiry bureau, where information can be obtained on the whereabouts of internees, would be opened next week.

Sir John said it was true recent events had imposed a heavy strain on the prison organisation, and he was doing everything he could to improve the position.

Question No. 616

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 8 6 4
♥ A J 7 3
♦ 9 4
♣ 6 2

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Burnstone	Schenken
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

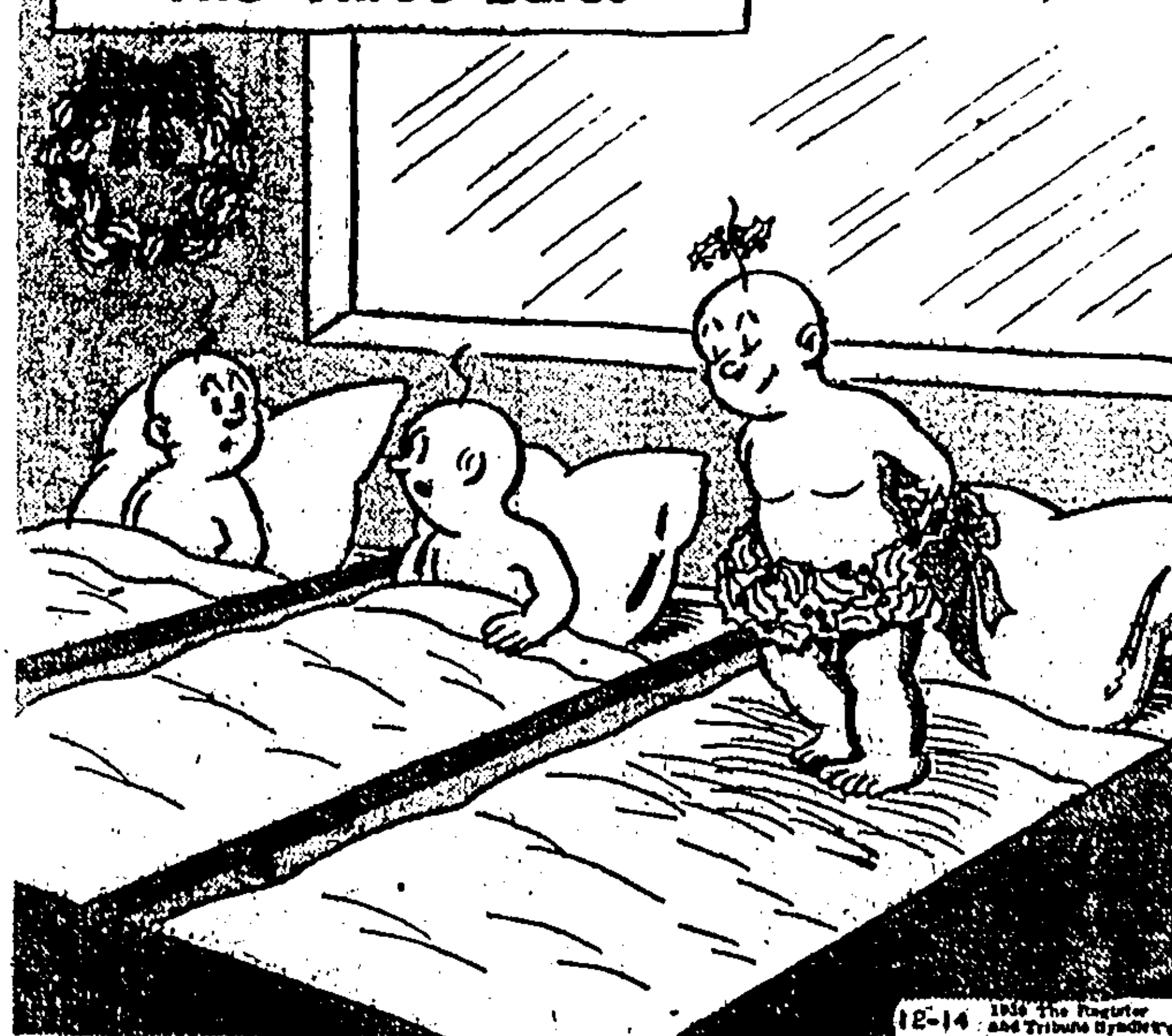
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H.G. WILL BE NEEDED MORE

The responsibilities of the Home Guard will increase "as more men of the Regular Army are sent to other theatres of war," Sir Edward Grigg, Under-Secretary for War, said at the opening of a new War Office training school for Home Guard commanders.

The Guards will be taught modern methods of warfare, Sir Edward added, and will be made familiar with most of the weapons used by the Army in case at any time they have to be mixed with regular units.

Sir Edward suggested that the motto of the Home Guard should be "Old and Bold."

Speaking of equipment Sir Edward said the War Office was doing its utmost to provide every Home Guard with battle dress during the next few weeks.

He announced that as the demand on the output of great-coats for the Army was so great, a trench cape had been devised as an alternative for the Home Guard.

The Guard now had a strength of 1,700,000, said Sir Edward. A large proportion were armed with the appropriate weapons, and this process would be completed in the near future with the assistance of the United States, which was doing its part in this respect splendidly.

Sir Edward said he had been impressed with the organisation of the Home Guard in many threatened parts of the country they had joined with the Army in holding defensive positions.

CARROT-MARMALADE NEW DISH

Marmalade made with a proportion of raw carrots is included in the substitute commodities now appearing on the British market as the result of restricted supplies of oranges.

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Virginian cigarette smokers will also shortly be compelled to smoke substitute brands, consisting of a mixture of Turkish and Oriental tobaccos.

Already smokers are walking from shop to shop, seeking their favorite brands, and forced to accept others because of supply difficulties.

Tobaccoists admit a shortage, due to the air raids reducing factory hours and destroying stocks.

The tobacco controller is considering a proposal to limit some brands of tobaccos and cigarettes to certain areas, thus reducing transport difficulties.

Even London Zoo inmates are feeling the pinch.

Monkeys, which in peace time ignored sandwich offerings and accepted only knobs of sugar, sweets and nuts, to-day eagerly welcome visitors bearing stale bread.

However, food restrictions here do not compare with Italy, where the Government has announced a Christmas surprise decree rationing rice, flour and maize.

WED AT 10, FATHER OF FIVE AT 20

Father of five children before he was twenty years old, and grand-father of nineteen at the age of forty-eight is the extraordinary record of Mr. N. G. Fite of Houston, Texas.

Married when he was ten to a girl aged twelve, Fite has now at the age of forty-eight sixteen children—ten girls and six boys.

His first wife died when she was twenty. Less than two years later he married again but this union did not last long for his wife obtained a divorce.

Not long after their separation Fite married a third time and this wife is still living.

Nine of the Fite children live in Houston and he says he finds considerable comfort and happiness in having them near. The others are scattered over the country.

"I don't know the ages of all my children—there are too many for that," he said. "I did have a record of their births but my house was robbed a few years ago and it was among the things taken."

Fite has been unusually early in doing another thing—he has already retired from active business, having accumulated enough money during many years as a prosperous merchant in Houston.



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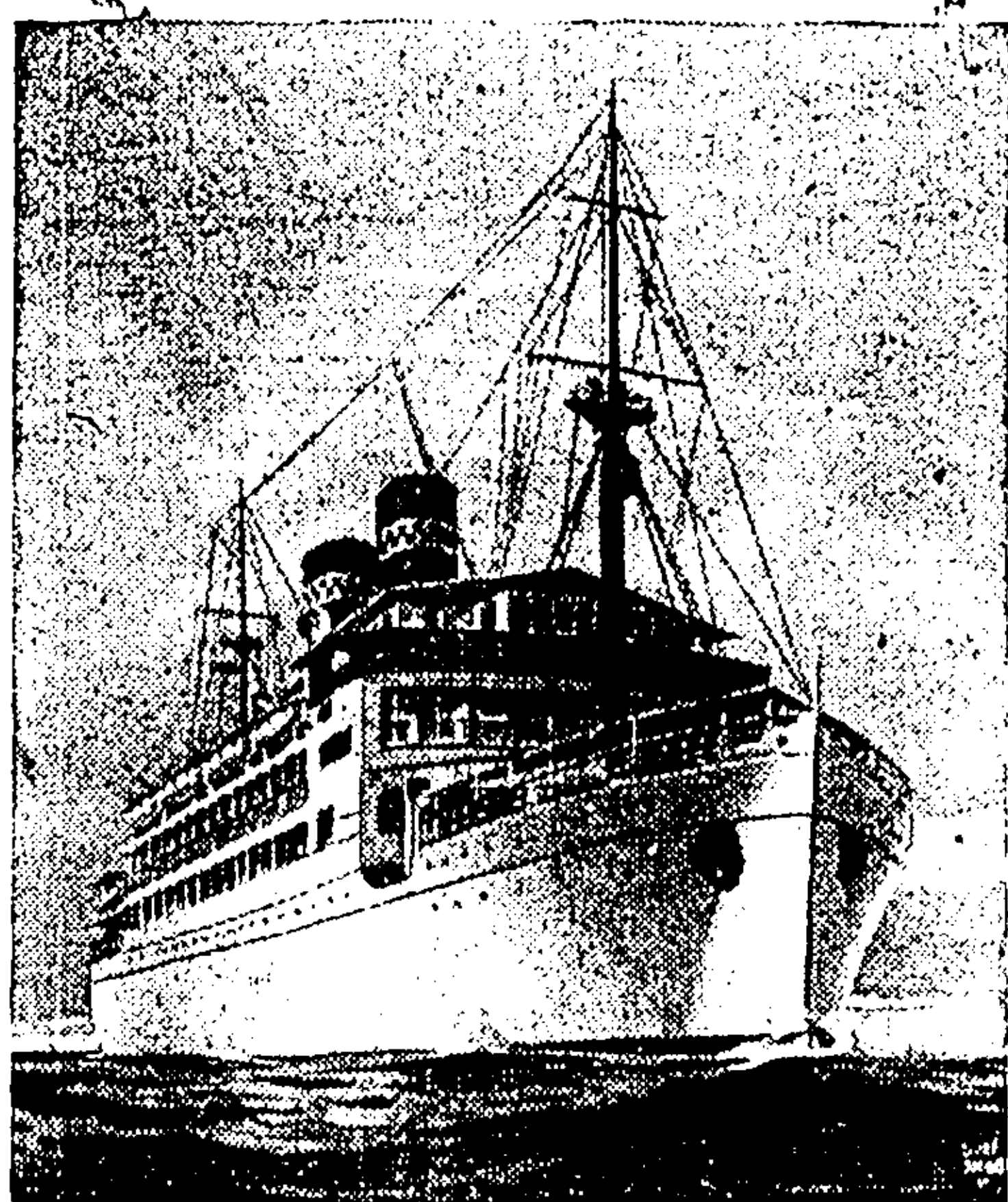
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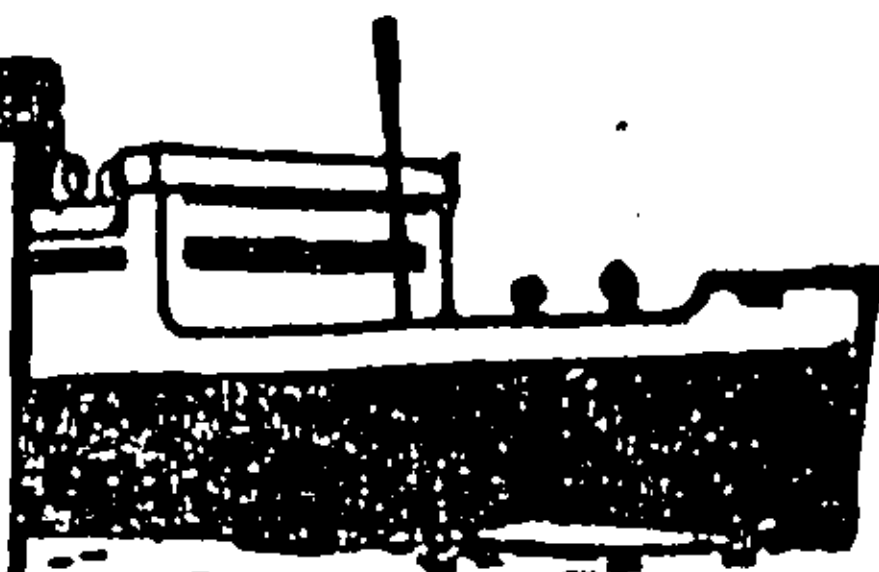
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—The Hill Billies (Vocal) and the London Piano-Accordeon Band.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Concerto in E Minor (Gurevich): 1st Mov: Maestoso; 2nd Mov: Andante Sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Presto.

2. "Ilona" Hungarian Czardas (Gurevich).

8.23 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tano).

One Alone (from "The Desert Song"—Romberg).

When You're Away ("The Only Girl"—Herbert).

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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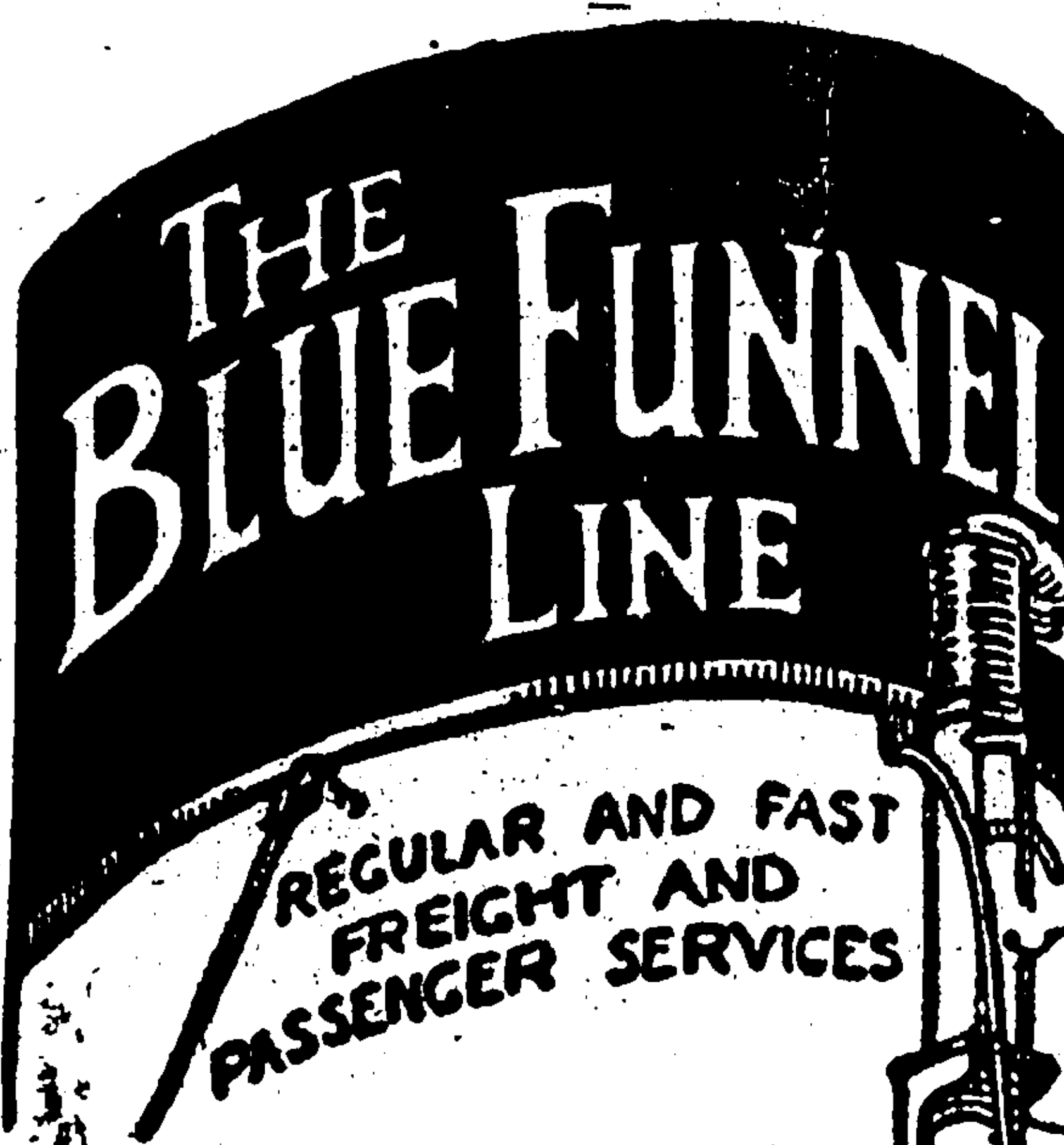
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U. S. WOMEN'S GOLF AT LOW STANDARD

WOMEN'S GOLF in the United States is to-day at a lower standard than it was five years ago, because of some of the greatest players becoming professionals, writes J. Ferrier in an Australian daily newspaper.

Helen Hicks, Patty Berg, Helen Bettweiler, and Opal Hill are among the leading players who have deserted amateurism. They all earn more than £1,000 a year, a tremendous lure to girls with the necessary golfing skill. The acquisition of a pleasant career is also attractive to these independently-minded young women.

The present national women's champion is Miss Betty Jameson, a Texas girl, who recently defended successfully the title she won last year. She won this year's championship at the famous Pebble Beach course, California, and a week earlier won the western women's championship. She is a sound player from the tees and fairways, and is a brilliant putter.

Texas has given the United States some of its greatest golfers. Besides Miss Jameson, I can recall Ralph Guldahl, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, and Harry Cooper as products of the "Lone Star State."

Beaten In A Final

The Hardscrabble (Arkansas) amateur championship is termed the unofficial southern championship, and this year it attracted a strong field. Among the 21 national and State champions and Walker Cup players, who completed, were Johnny Goodman (1938 national amateur champion), Art Doering, "Chick" Evans, Don Schumaker, Jack Timin, and the 1938 Canadian amateur champion, Ted Adams.

The championship was won by Vincent Allison, who beat me, 2 up and 1, in the final. Allison won our match by means of his putting. During the 35 holes played in the final, Allison had 19 one putt greens; I had seven three-putt greens. That was more than enough to turn a comfortable margin in my favour into a narrow defeat.

The reason for the contrast in our putting results was the Bermuda grass greens, which resemble couch greens in Australia. They are much slower and more bumpy than greens of bent grass, and players who have had experience of them have a big advantage over those who are unfamiliar with them. This explains why no northern player has won the championship.

I used an aluminium putter on the 'greens, but I could not become accustomed to them, especially their slowness. They took all the touch out of my putter blade. Bermuda grass is used to withstand intense summer heat. Bent grass has proved useless in such States as Texas and Arkansas.

The Fort Smith course, where the championship was played, is one of the most beautiful of the southern courses. It is one of the few in the United States which have couch fairways. This hardy grass grows in the hot, dry climate of Arkansas, where softer grasses burn up in summer heat. After playing on many types of fairway grass in the United States, I still prefer the firm couch.

A Really Long Driver

Frank Stiedle, a youthful hotel clerk of Hot Springs (Arkansas), has become a national figure because, in a recent long-driving

contest at Memphis (Tennessee), he outdrove Sam Snead, considered to be the longest driver among the leading professionals.

In three drives, Stiedle totalled 919 yards, each drive exceeding 300 yards, whereas Snead could muster only 894 yards with his three. The contest was held on a fairly hard fairway, which favoured Stiedle's lower trajectory, which gave the ball plenty of run. From the point of view of "carry," Snead still holds the honours.

Stiedle is not merely a freakish driver. He has a good all-round game, as shown by the 67 he returned in a competition in which Snead and Ralph Guldahl returned higher scores. He has magnificent control over his long drives.

Big Course Expenditure

Mr. Fred Snite, sen., father of the "Man in the Iron Lung," has spent 47,000 dollars (about £14,500 in Australian currency) on new equipment for and improvements to the Elmhurst course, near Chicago, which he bought early this year. This huge expenditure is reflected in the splendid condition of the course, which is the best in the Chicago area.

The committee at Elmhurst sets aside one day each year, usually at the end of the season, in aid of the club professional, who is given the day's takings. Several leading professionals are invited to play for a purse in the morning, and they pair with members in an afternoon four-ball event. Each club member contributes three dollars for the day's play, and of this two dollars go to the club professional. Most of the clubs in the United States observe this custom.

AUSSIE RUGBY TEAM IN SINGAPORE

Force Rugby Union team in Malaya suffered their first defeat in five matches recently when Singapore Civilians scored two tries and one penalty goal (nine points) against one try (three points).

It was a tough match on a muddy ground. The Australians continually battered the Civilians' rocklike defence. Kinninmont scored a try near the posts for the Australians after a swerving run of 30 yards, but his own kick at goal failed. The Civilians tries came from startling dashes, catching the Australians on the wrong foot.

The Australian team was: Good, Truen, Oldnow, Kinninmont, Rober son, Cook, Lampey, Cormie, Walters, Macdonald, Bluet, McCurdie, McCracken, McNamee, Ball.

PONY BEATS MAN

A record crowd on the Tuncurry Beach in Sydney recently witnessed a novel race over 110yds. between a footrunner and a pony. The runner, T. H. Chapman, was beaten by a half a length, in an exciting finish by Lionel Walsh, Jr's pony, Bang. The distance was covered in 13.4s, good time for a sand track.

The Sydney jockey, J. M. Coutts, who is spending a holiday at Tuncurry, was time-keeper. The rider of the pony, Lionel Walsh, carried the whip and spurs used by Coutts for his recent successes in Melbourne on Dashing Cavalier.

COLONY MIGHT EMULATE SHANGHAI!

While there will be no gainsaying that Shanghai has suffered less by evacuation than Hong Kong, it is also a fact that they have lost a great many of their residents of the fair sex, many of them it is fair to assume, hockey players.

In view of this dithering among local lady hockey players as to whether a League should be run or not, therefore, the following extract from the "North China Daily News" might lend inspiration:

Following a meeting held on Tuesday night by the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association it was decided to continue competition in both the Senior and Junior leagues for another round. Another point brought up was the holding of an international league series later in the season when the league competitions are concluded. It was decided to hold the international series if sufficient support is received from such countries as Portugal, Russia, Great Britain, Palestine and the World, which comprises the principal hockey playing nationals this season.

The chief topic of discussion on Tuesday night was the extending of both leagues to a second round. Had the Association decided not to hold another round the A.S.P. "A" would have been the winners of the "A" division, with the J.A.C. the unbeaten victors of the "B" section.

But the little with the decision to play a second round, is now again hanging in the balance, and very much so. Although the A.S.P. emerged victorious in the senior division they found exceedingly strong competition from such teams as the "Greens," the Shanghai Ladies and the In Uno, and it is quite conceivable that the tables might be turned on them in their next meeting.

Betar Ladies Withdraw

The J.A.C. if their convincing victories in the first round can be taken as an indication of form and strength are almost certain of being able to hold their unbeaten record to win the league. There will be, however, one team less in the "B" division as the Betar eleven are withdrawing from competition as they will not be able to field a full team regularly.

In view of the leagues being extended and the proposed holding of the international series, which will be played on the knock-out plan, it was decided, after some discussion, not to hold the earlier intended knock-out tournament among the various aggregations. The international series will undoubtedly attract greater and keener interest not only from the participants but also from the followers of ladies hockey in Shanghai.

Full Support Hoped For

It was hoped that support will be forthcoming from five nations, to form a tournament but should it receive poor response friendly games will be played with whatever international teams will be available. It was proposed to hold

Team To Be Chosen Before Chinese New Year

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH AT VARIOUS TIMES THERE HAVE BEEN MISGIVINGS AS TO THE PRACTICABILITY OF HOLDING A HOCKEY INTERPORT THIS YEAR, A MEETING OF HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HELD YESTERDAY DECIDED THAT MACAO'S INVITATION TO HONG KONG TO SEND A TEAM OVER IN THE NEAR FUTURE BE ACCEPTED.

Hong Kong have been asked to suggest a date and it is understood that March 2 will be submitted for the consideration of the Macao Hockey Club.

The question of service players making the trip has been gone into and is being further investigated. In view of the fact the local hockey is not dominated by the Services, as has been the case in some previous seasons, however, the problem should not be a particularly big one and it is anticipated that permission will be obtainable for the small number that are likely to be selected.

Trials will be held shortly and it is hoped to select the team before Chinese New Year. The following have been appointed selectors:—Mr. K. Hus-

sain, Lt. J. R. Pirie and Lt. Gunner, and arrangements for the Interport itself will be in the hands of Mr. V. M. Benwell, the Hockey Club captain.

International Tourney

Other business discussed last night included the annual international tournament, which, owing to the large programme still outstanding on the Tournament, will be left over for discussion until after the Interport.

An inquiry was held into the case of Fred Fowler, who was sent off the field during a recent game between C.B.A. and Recife. Fowler was cautioned.

These matches during the Chinese New Year holidays, at the end of this month, and on week-ends when other matches are not scheduled.

The Association suffered badly from lack of competent umpires at the beginning of the season but has since then been able to raise a body of efficient officials who have been instrumental in improving the standard of ladies hockey in Shanghai.



BORING FOR WATER FOR CRICKET GROUND

Efforts are being made to secure water at the Sydney Cricket Ground. An experimental bore has been put down by Mr. J. MacD. Royle, a boring contractor.

Mr. Royle is positive that water will be found in sufficient quantity for the requirements of the ovals and lawn tennis courts. He is prepared to carry out the work and be paid on the result achieved.

Some months ago Mr. Royle pointed out that sufficient water was available in the Moore Park area to supply the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Moore Park golf course. He will proceed with the work of putting down a bore on the golf course.

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K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (University "A")	6	0
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	3	0
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1
S. Amplananar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	6	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	6	4
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2
H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	6	5
H. Koh and T. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	3
A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	6	6

"B" Division

P.	L.	W.
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	9	0
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	9	2
S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's)	6	0
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth (K.C.C.)	6	0
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	1
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	9	4
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	9	4
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	9	5
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0
V. D. Bright and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	3	0
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Goan (Recreio)	3	0
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1

BADMINTON LEAGUE TABLES

"A" DIVISION

P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
University "A"	2	0	2	16	2
University "B"	1	0	1	7	2
Chinese "Y"	3	2	1	10	17
Recreio	2	2	0	3	15

"B" DIVISION

P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	3	0	3	21	6
St. John's	3	0	3	21	6
K.C.C.	3	0	3	18	9
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18
V.R.C.	2	2	0	3	15
St. Andrew's	3	3	0	9	18
Police	3	3	0	6	21
J.R.C.	3	3	0	3	24

R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	3	1	2
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-John (V.R.C.)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	6	4	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	2
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-John (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
H. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	6	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
J. MacDonald and H. Ding-adale (Police)	9	8	1
A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3	0
R. Hogart and J. Shepherd (Police)	3	3	0
D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. Basto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
M. M. Davis and M. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
F. Castro and A. A. Remedios (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	6	6	0

ONE HORSE ONLY UNDER AGA KHAN'S COLOURS

The Aga Khan, for many years owner of the biggest and most successful string of racehorses on the English turf, will next season be represented by only one horse, the three-year-old stayer, Winter Halter, who has three wins to his credit.

There is no doubt that the Aga Khan intends to mark time on racing until normal conditions return. He is selling or retiring to the stud the remainder of his horses.

He ordinarily maintains at least 40 good-class and in many cases costly thoroughbreds in training at Frank Butler's Newmarket stable. The cutting down is due, he says, to financial obstacles created by currency restrictions.

His two colts, Turkhan, who is by Barham, and Stardust, finished first and second in the Yorkshire St. Leger—a substitute for the Doncaster St. Leger—which closed a difficult, but fairly successful, flat racing season.

The Aga Khan and his young French wife are in Switzerland. He recently complained that he was "broke." He was merely temporarily unable to obtain funds.

K.C.C. BEAT ST. ANDREW'S

Kowloon Cricket Club beat St. Andrew's by 5 games to 4, in a "B" Division Badminton League match on Wednesday.

Scores:—A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's) lost to A. E. P. Guest and D. Hazell, 16-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat H. S. Jones and J. L. Anderson, 21-14. T. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's) beat Guest and Hazell, 21-18; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 10-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-15. M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's) lost to Guest and Hazell, 21-13; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-14.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BIG SCORES BY ROACH AND BORG

By "Strike"

There was a remarkably brilliant performance at Duck Pins by Geo. Roach on January 9, as he played 12 consecutive games, and scored 100, 106, 105, 99, 87, 120, 156, 149, 137, 110, 85 and 144, a total of 1,398 pins or an average of 116.5 pins per game.

His scores in his seventh, eighth and ninth games, which were 156, 149 and 137, a total of 442, or an average of 147.3 pins per game, constitute by far the highest for three games in these Alleys—probably in the whole of the East as well.

His 156 is the highest score for this month.

It is interesting to note that this figure has only been bettered twice before in Hong Kong—by Mrs. E. Soong in March, 1939, with the record, 168, and Corp. H. Blount in October 1940 with 158. A Vasko of Tulsa also scored 157 in December.

Competition Games

The fifth match in the Singles Handicap Competition was played off on January 9, between C. M. Williams and Albert Odell. Williams' handicap was plus 43, and Odell's plus 17.

Williams won by 66 pins including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—C. M. Williams (plus 43) 568, A. Odell (plus 17), 502.

A sixth match was played on the same day, between Corp. H. Blount and M. L. Haymes. Blount's handicap was plus 17 and Haymes' plus 30.

Blount won very comfortably, despite his handicap, by 79 pins, the scores being:—

H. Blount (plus 17) 590, M. F. L. Haymes (plus 30) 511.

It was generally expected that Blount would win as he is probably the best Ten Pin Bowler in the Alleys. He opened with two good scores 222 and 205 in his first two games. In his third he could only manage 163.

Haymes started badly with 121 and 142 but finished up strongly with a brilliant 209.

The seventh match was played on January 10, between S. A. Ismail and G. C. Dudley. Ismail's handicap was plus 26 and Dudley's plus 46.

Despite his heavy handicap Ismail won very easily by no fewer than 132 pins, the scores being, Ismail 501 and Dudley 369.

Ismail, of course, has had far more experience than his opponent but he bowled very consistently, his average working out at exactly 167.

Dudley is a comparative beginner and appears to require practice.

Wathen's Easy Win

The eighth match in the series was played the same day, between Corp. W. Wathen and L/Cpl. J. W. Dove, both of the Royal Corps of Signals. Both players' handicaps were plus 36, so they both started off level. Wathen won very easily by 83 pins, the scores being Wathen 390 and Dove 307.

On January 12 Bdr. Pidgeon and G. D. Woolgar were opposed to each other. Woolgar's handicap was plus 30 and Pidgeon's plus 5.

The scores were, Pidgeon 494 and Woolgar 435, a margin of 59 pins.

It was evident at the outset that the handicap was too severe for Woolgar as both players were very evenly matched, as is illustrated by the fact that Woolgar on a level basis would have won by only one pin.

On Monday L/Cpl. Hall of Royal Corps of Signals met W. Hewitt. Hall's handicap was plus 33 and Hewitt's plus 36 and Hall won by 70 pins—400-330.

It was expected that Hall would win and he did, but his scores could not, by the biggest stretch of imagination, be called good. How it was playing his first match and I think that this was the cause of his lowly effort because he is certainly capable of better things.

On Tuesday A. W. Muenger met C. D. N. Walker. Both players

had handicaps of plus 36 and Muenger won rather easily by 69 pins, the scores being:—Muenger 440 and Walker 371.

Gold Star Beats Tulsa

The U. S. S. Gold-Star and Tulsa were in action on Monday in a five-game Ten Pin match. The Gold Star won by 75 pins the scores being:—

Gold Star 2988, Tulsa 2913. Sunbury for Gold Star was top scorer of the match with 806, while Class of the same team was not very far behind with 791.

Borg of Tulsa scored 784, a low score for this player, who lately has been at the top of his form.

Cottle of Gold Star, who occupied the lowest place on the scoring-list, is a new player at Ten Pins and I understand he has never played in match games before.

Another Big Score

I commenced these Jottings by referring to the remarkable feat of Roach at Duck Pins. On January 15, however, his 156 was beaten by A. A. Borg of the Tulsa, who made a brilliant 159. This is the record men's score for Duck Pins in these Alleys and with a little more luck he might very easily have beaten Mrs. Soong's 168—the Alley record.

His score-sheet shows that he started off with a 10, then spare, strike, spare, eight, spare, 10, strike, spare, strike.

This is almost as good as a good Ten Pin score, and demonstrates what I have previously pointed out—a player can be a good Ten Pin Bowler as well as a good Duck Pin Bowler. Borg is proficient at both.

ARMY CRICKET TEAM

Following will represent the Army against Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo to-morrow.

Major Grose (Captain), 2nd/Lt. T. A. Pearce, 2nd/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, Lieut. Coombes, Sgt. Webb, Pte Hatfield, Capt. Lawrence, Sgt. French, L/Cpl. Logan, L/Cpl. Stonor and L. A. C. Hawkins.



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Harvey Retains Snooker Title

By "Squaddy"

Association Football There are only three members of the Royal Engineers' football team in the Second Division of the Football League who have not scored a goal; their goalkeeper and two backs. (Moxham, T. Jones, and Tang Chung-pak.)

To give these players an opportunity of scoring, the Sappers intend moving Jones and Tang Chung-pak into the forward line. The first penalty that is awarded them will be reserved for Moxham, the goalkeeper. What if the penalty is going to decide the match? They will also be weakening their defence, which at the present moment they cannot afford to do although they are five points ahead.

With 11 matches still to be played, anything is liable to happen and the above moves might cost them the League championship.

Royal Scots will play Sing Tao on Sunday at Sookunpoo and they will have to give a much better performance than in their last three or four matches if they want to share, or even take points from Sing Tao who cannot afford to lose at this time, when they are fighting for League Championship honours.

Middlesex will have a hard game on Saturday against Kowloon, who are next to them in the League. The Middies are ahead of all the non-Chinese teams in this League and if they win this match, they will have a good chance of remaining in this position for the rest of the season.

Royal Army Service Corps are playing Middlesex juniors in the Preliminary round of the Junior Shield at Sookunpoo on Saturday. This should be an interesting match to watch as the last time they met, the game ended in a draw, each side scoring two goals after a very exciting match.

Hockey TO-DAY at Sookunpoo a trial match for the selection of the Army (British) hockey eleven will take place at 3.15 p.m. and the following have been selected to take part.

WHITE—L/Cpl. Windfield (Mx.); Sgt. Groston (R.E.) and Bdr. Anderson (R.A.); Cpl. Alsey (R. Scots), Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Capt. Skipwith (R.A.); S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.), Spr. Shaw (R.E.), Cpl. Hitchcock (R. Scots), Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) and 2/Lt. Clague (R.A.).

COLOURS—L/Cpl. Dove (Signals); Cpl. Painting (Mx.) and Cpl. Neve (R. Scots); L/Sgt. Waldron (Mx.), WO1 Ashmore (A.E.C.) and Bandmaster Jordan (R. Scots); Capt. Patterson (R. Scots), Pte. Sheehan (Mx.), L/C. Bright (Mx.), Gnr. Marshall (R.A.) and Capt. Douglass (R. Scots).

RESERVES—Sgt. Homberg (R.E.), Bdr. Barracough (R.A.) and L/Cpl. Govier (R.A.M.C.).

There are one or two noted players not included in this trial, but it is possible that the selection committee consider them good enough without further trial.

Among these players are Stickley of the Middlesex, who has represented the Army for the last three years in Hong Kong and has also been capped for the Colony; Sgt. Homberg, who is down as a reserve, is a good player with good ball control; and Sgt. Crowley, another Middlesex player, has played for the Army during the past three years and is an excellent centre-half.

Billiards ON Monday evening at the Soldiers' Club, Royal Army Medical Corps retained the Garrison Billiards Challenge Cup for the third year in succession, defeating the Corps of Military Police in the final by 785

points to 643. S/Sgt. Terran made the highest break of 30, he also made other breaks of 20 and 23, against L/Cpl. Chiff, who only scored 22.

Sgt. Whetton defeated Lieut. Dixon by 20 points after both took it in turns to be in the lead. L/Cpl. Thomson also did well against Cpl. Harvey, who is the Medical Corps' best player, scoring 118 with a break of 22. Harvey made breaks of 24 and 22.

Remaining games were played between Sgt. Wyre, who lost to L/Cpl. Willis by 95 points, Pte. Howe, R.A.M.C., who defeated Capt. Hyde by 90 points, and Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., who defeated L/Cpl. Teggarty by 57 points.

On Tuesday evening the H.K.V.D. Corps won the Soldiers' Club Tournament by defeating the Signals by 1,600 points to 798.

This is the second time in the last three years that the Volunteers have won this trophy, and the tenth time since the competition was started in 1907. The best break of the evening was made by Hickman, with a good 55. Pereira made breaks of 27, 26, 20, and 36, and Baptista made three breaks of over 20. Hickman easily beat his opponent, who only scored 46 against his 200. Hutchinson and Liley of the Signals were the only members of the losers to score over 100.

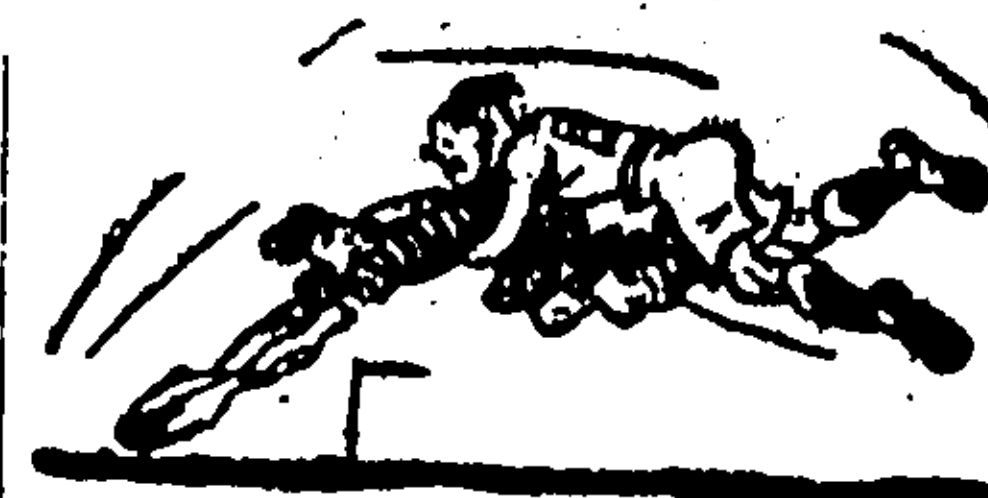
Cpl. Harvey of the Medical Corps won the Amateur Snooker Championship for the second time in succession when he defeated Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C., by four frames to two on Wednesday at the Soldiers' Club. Harvey won the first frame by four points, Lt. Dixon the second by 24 points, and the third by 46. It looked as if Dixon would emerge winner at this period but Harvey rallied and won the remaining three frames easily. Harvey 59—Lt. Dixon 46; Harvey 90—Lt. Dixon 23; and Harvey 66—Lt. Dixon 23.

To-night the Volunteers are playing the Medicals in a billiards Match in aid of the B.W.O.F. commencing at 6 p.m.

Owing to the Military exercises this week the Garrison Billiards League has not been completed and the following is the League table to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	18	18	0	0	103
R. Scots	16	14	2	0	87
R.A.S.C.	17	13	4	0	78
C.M. Police	16	8	8	0	59
R. Engineers	17	5	12	0	51
Signals	16	5	11	0	42
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	16	6	10	0	38
R.A.P.C.	15	3	12	0	33
R.A.O.C.	16	4	12	0	33
12th Hvy. Regt. R.A.	11	3	8	0	26

Rugby THE Large Units' Rugby league is due to start soon and some good games should be witnessed, especially between the Combined Small Units, Royal Scots, and Combined Royal Artillery, who are the three strongest teams in this League.



The Combined Small Units team is mostly drawn from the Medical Corps. Lieut. Coombes is one of the Army's most dangerous three-quarters or halves and is sure of his place.

Capt. Scriven is a fine scrum-half and will most probably captain the Small Units' fifteen.

Pte. Macdonald is another player who this year has improved considerably; he has taken the place of L/Bdr. Marsh in the Army team at right wing three-quarter.

Royal Scots have several Army players, including 2/Lieut. Millar, Pinkerton, and Ford, of the Army pack.

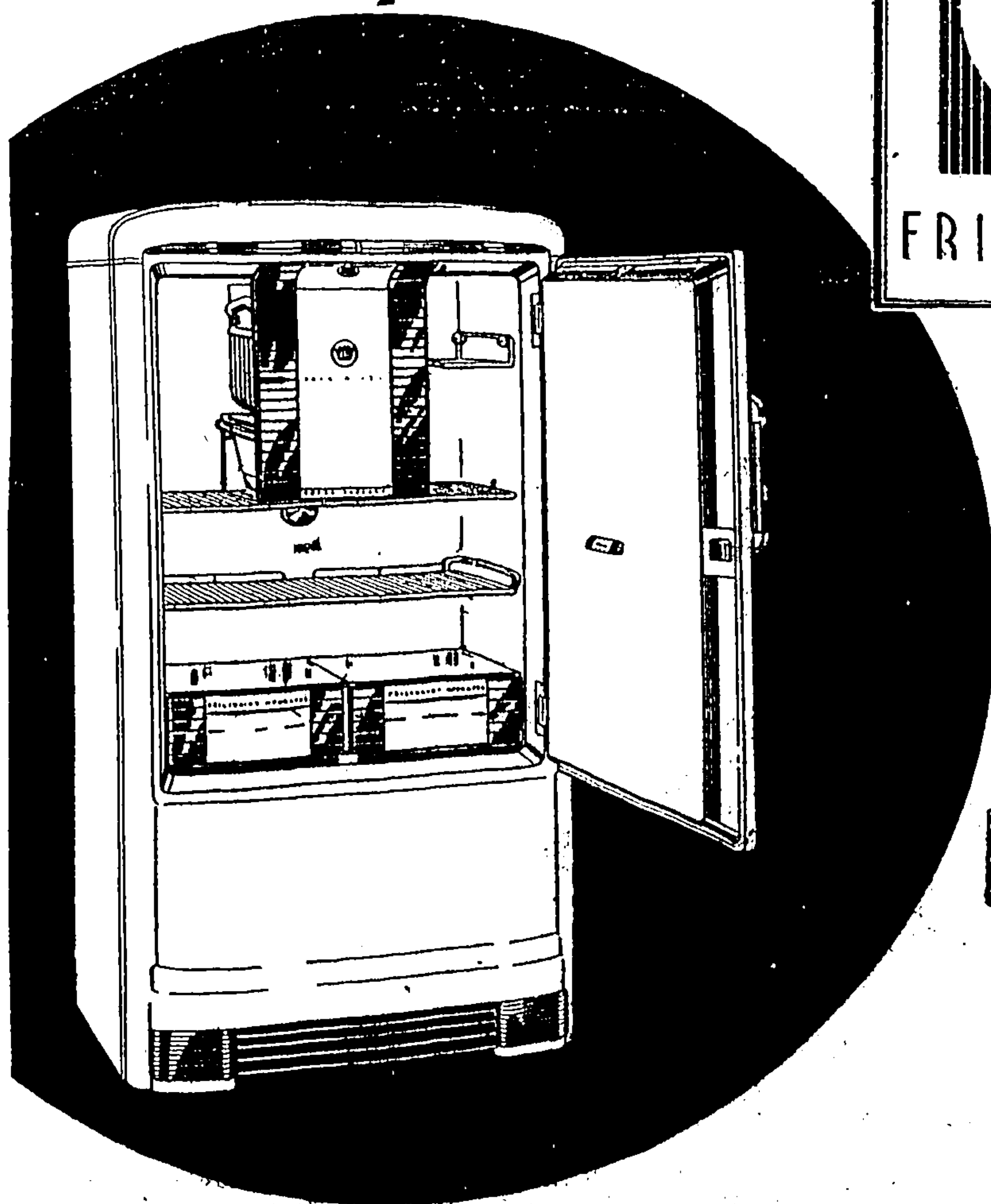
Cpl. Sutherland, and Capt. Douglass, the Army centre-three-quarter, is playing at fly-half for the Scots and the remainder of the Royal Scots' fifteen consist of their 'A' and 'B' team players.

The Combined Royal Artillery have a number of selections and should be able to produce a strong team. They have a few outstanding players in Lieut. Clague, the former Army full-back, who is certain to fill this position for the Gunners.

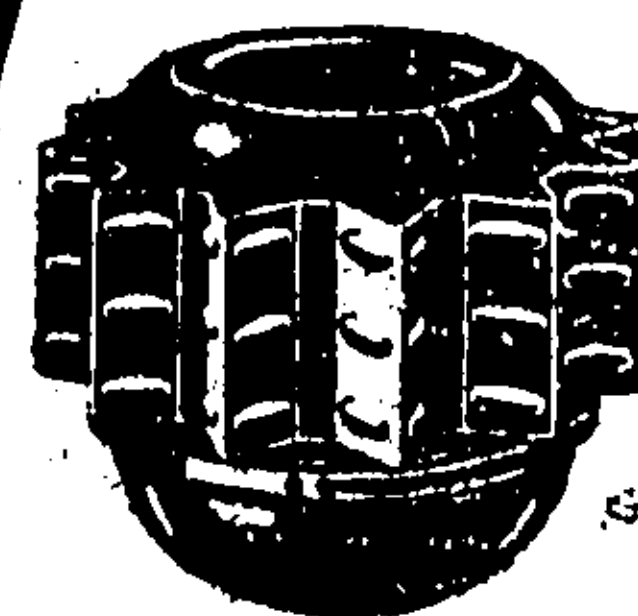
Capt. P. J. Skipwith, who has recently recovered from a leg injury, 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, L/Sgt. Marsh, and Bdr. Richards, will in all probability form the three-quarters line.

Among their forwards the Gunners have good, speedy players in 2/Lieut. Bompas, 2/Lt. Eddison, who will be hooker, and L/Bdr. Turner, who is a fine wing-forward.

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MIDDLE EAST RAIDS

30 Enemy Aircraft Left Burned Out On Ground

WRITING ON THE WALL

Hitler will be broken against the iron will of the British people," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking at Glasgow yesterday.

Britain will not be his next victim, he said, "but one country which is in real peril of complete Nazi domination is Italy, brought to the edge of destruction by the infatuated ambition of Mussolini." The Abyssinians were now in arms and he hoped there would not be a long wait before they regain their independence.

"Fascism is doomed and friend of Italy must hope that the strong Italian forces will break the grip of the Fascist bosses before they drag Italy down with them into German slavery."

Formidable Enemy

Uttering a word of caution over the victorious achievements in Libya, Sir Archibald said that behind the defeated armies of Italy loomed the huge armies of Germany—there was a most formidable enemy.

"Something else has happened too," he added. "The great Republic of the United States has taken its stand for freedom against Nazism. If Hitler and his German dupes dare raise their eyes they will see the writing upon the wall of Congress—the Aid to Britain Bill."—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID BY R.A.F. ON BENGHAZI

BETWEEN THIRTY and forty German and Italian aircraft were burned out or severely damaged during the R.A.F.'s initial raid on Catania airport in Sicily on Sunday night, it is now revealed.

Italy's principal Libyan port, Benghazi, was heavily raided both on Monday and Tuesday nights.

These disclosures are made in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night. Describing the Benghazi raids, the communique says that the main mole of the harbour was heavily bombed and large fires were caused among the buildings around the Customs House.

A heavy explosion occurred at the base of the Mole.

Other bombers hit buildings on the quayside and straddled the Government buildings. Shipping was also attacked.

On their return journey, the R.A.F. raiders machine-gunned Benina aerodrome and two enemy aircraft were set on fire and damage was caused to a number of others.

No Opposition

In the forward area (of the British advance into Libya) between Tobruk and Derna, our fighters maintained constant patrol but no engagements with the enemy took place.

Photographic reconnaissance over Catania (Sicily) showed that the raid carried out on Sunday night was more effective than was first thought. Between thirty and forty aircraft could be seen, either burned out or severely

damaged. One hangar was completely wrecked, another was very badly damaged and a third had been hit.

Administrative buildings at the air base had been heavily damaged and bomb craters were observed on the aerodrome.

The communique also records that raids were made in Italian East Africa against stores at Assab on Tuesday night and against Asmara the previous night, and reports that from all the operations, all but one fighter, shot down in Libya, returned safely. — Reuter.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN

Bardia should have taken many months to conquer, in the opinion of a correspondent who has just visited the town.

Inside the perimeter of defences the whole area is a natural fort, he writes.

Bomb and shell proof shelters abounded in the ravines and huge stores of food and ammunition were found.

General Headquarters was in a mass of caves and the General Officer Commanding had 30 feet of work over his head.

Well constructed concrete defence posts were found all over the place.

The capture of Bardia, he concludes, might well have taken our forces a month or more, and it is little short of amazing that, on the contrary, they should now be laying siege to Tobruk. — Reuter.

EVEN ROME ADMITS IT NOW

Even the Italians now admit that they do not control even the narrowest part of the Mediterranean.

Rome Radio said yesterday:—"From the Italian point of view, it is becoming increasingly clear that we must intensify our efforts to control the Sicilian channel by naval and air means and attack effectively against convoys."

The view expressed on Wednesday by the Soviet newspaper "Trud" that the British Navy is master of the Mediterranean routes is supported by the Rome correspondent of the Spanish News Agency.

He writes that the Mediterranean remains open to British merchantships and along its routes Britain can supply and reinforce either Greece or North Africa. — Reuter.

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Rugger At Sookunpoo



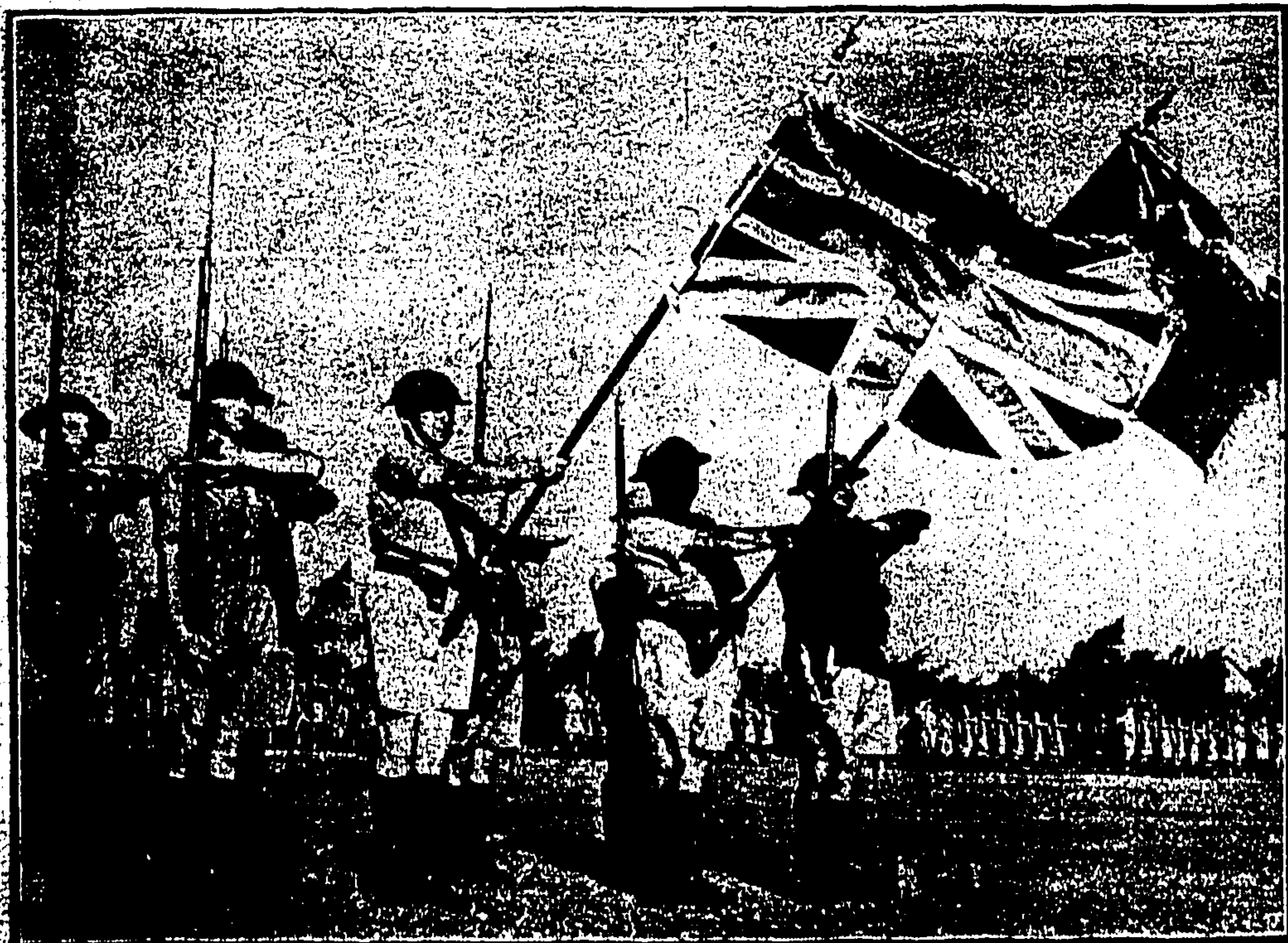
Breaking loose from a scrum in the Gunners' Rugby trial.



Another incident in the Gunners' Rugby trial.



A trial match was played at Sookunpoo on Saturday in order to select the Gunner team for the Army Large Units' League. Forwards jumping for the ball in a line-out.



The Free French Legion of the Orient now serve beneath two flags. The Free French banner and the Union Jack were presented to the men during a ceremony at Ismailiah. High British and French officers, and the British Ambassador Sir Miles Lampson, were present at the ceremony. Well drilled. Legions of men shoulder arms and salute in background as the standard bearers raise the flags. (Copyright, Fox).



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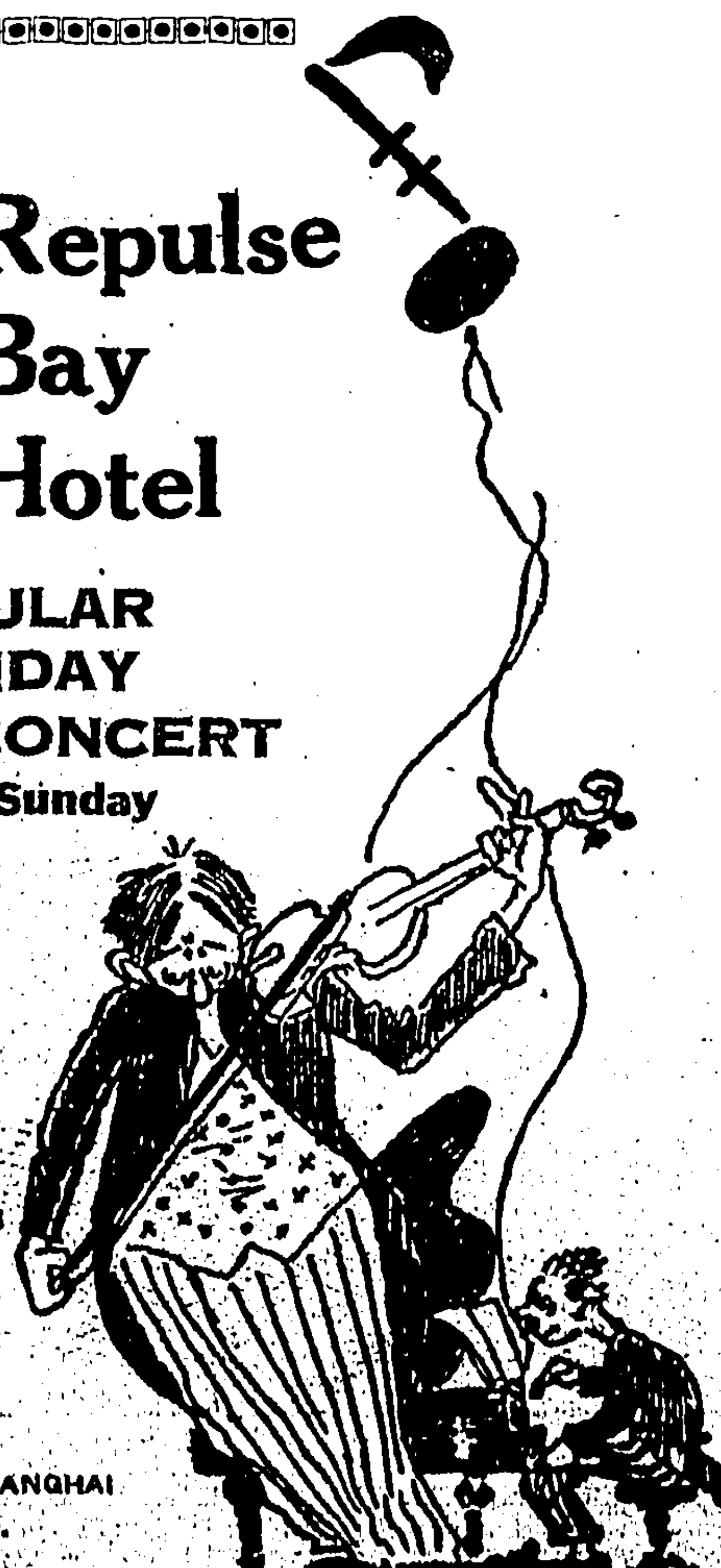
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Will Sea Power Win?

As a result of a determined and highly successful attack which reflects the greatest honour on the fleet air arm, only three of the Italian battleships now remain effective. This result, while affecting decisively the balance of naval power in the Mediterranean, also carries with it reactions upon the naval situation in every quarter of the globe. From Prime Minister Winston Churchill's report to the House of Commons, Nov. 13, 1940, concerning the British attack on the Italian naval base at Taranto.

WHEN Adolf Hitler said on the first anniversary of the war, "They are very inquisitive in England and ask: 'Why doesn't he come?' Calm yourself; we will come," the walls of the Berlin Sportpalast were simply re-echoing the wish voiced by Napoleon 135 years ago.

With 130,000 soldiers massed about Boulogne ready to invade England, the French Emperor declared: "Let us be masters of the Strait for six hours and we shall be masters of the world."

Naval weapons have changed since Trafalgar, but naval principles remain much the same. History supposedly teaches that whoever rules the waves rules the world. This aphorism was firmly rooted during the closing years of the nineteenth century in the writings of an American naval officer named Alfred Thayer Mahan. He was the author of several weighty works on the influence of sea power upon history, each of which packed the intellectual displacement of a dreadnought.

Mahan was a scholarly appearing man whose softness of speech and manner made him seem more at home in the New York Public Library, where he gathered material for his first book, than on the windy quarterdeck of the old cruiser Chicago which was his last sea command.

The first book, "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660-1783", made a profound impact on the minds of statesmen and world military figures of his day. Cambridge and Oxford awarded Mahan honorary degrees. The German Kaiser placed a copy of the book in every wardroom in his fleet. In time, even Americans

came to see some merit in Mahan's works.

The United States Navy Department appointed him to the faculty of its Naval War College — after a long controversy as to whether there should be any war college in which Mahan might teach.

Mahan is credited with having done more than any other individual to bring about the naval building race between Britain and Germany which culminated in 1914. Yet one of the first reactions to Mahan's first book was that it was old stuff. Some people said about everything Mahan touched on could be found in Jomini's "History of the Wars of the French Revolution." This is the way with all prophets.

The author of "The Influence of Sea Power" didn't deny the influence of Jomini on Mahan. Admiral Mahan said at the time his purpose had been to write "a critical military history of the naval past, not a chronicle of naval events."

Mahan's footnotes are replete with Jomini. Here is a significant one from "Influence of Sea Power":

An interesting proof of the weight attributed to the naval power of Great Britain by a great military authority will be found in the opening chapter of Jomini's "History of the Wars of the French Revolution." He lay down, as a fundamental principle of European policy, that an unlimited expansion of naval force should not be permitted to any nation which can be approached by land—a description which can apply only to Great Britain.

This footnote could hardly have escaped the Kaiser's notice. The German salvos which rocked the British Empire at Jutland punctuated the pre-World War policy of Germany not to permit Britain's sovereignty at sea to go unchallenged. The explosion of 1914 found Germany with a powerful fleet in being, and it had completed widening the Kiel Canal shortly before Sarajevo.

Briefly, Mahan's main thesis was that as between sea power and land power, a relentless sea blockade has always proved more

decisive than an invincible land army. That is what he meant to show by analysing the nature of the struggle between England and France, which he said "nearly ruined Great Britain, but entirely ruined Napoleon." He showed how slow and unspectacular are the effects of a sea blockade, but how inexorable and, in the end, how decisive is the economic strangulation wrought by this unseen force. As Mahan said, in what were to become his most widely quoted words: "Those far-distant, storm-beaten ships, upon which the Grand Army never looked, stood between it and the dominion of the world."

To-day no such formidable array of sea power as that offered by the combined fleets of France and Spain at Trafalgar, or by the German High Seas Fleet at Jut-

By HARLAN TROTT

land a century after, confronts the British Navy. But the threat which Nazi air power presents in waters within easy bombing range of German-held air bases may be just as grave. For in discarding the rule laid down by Jomini, and reiterated by Mahan, no one can yet say whether Hitler has guessed wrong; that is, whether air power will fail to break the present deadlock between a nation supreme on the sea and a nation supreme on land.

In the present struggle between British sea power and German air power, the threat of a sudden knockout by Goering's air armada hangs constantly over the British Isles. In these tense times, when night after night the raiders drone over darkened London, it is heartening to re-read Mahan.

For those of us who run as we read, the first chapter in Mahan's first book will go far to explain the many unseen facets of British resistance that have thus far thwarted Hitler's coming. In fact, an enthusiastic British critic is reported to have said of Mahan's first book that its essence was in its first 80-odd pages. The rest was historical documentation.

By present standards, much of Mahan's writing seems ponderously pedantic. But there are moments deeply moving in their emotional appeal. Of Nelson, Mahan wrote tenderly, almost reverently. He breathes into his description of the Battle of Cape St. Vincent the very spirit of the Nelson who leaped, sword in hand, through the sternports of the Spanish Admiral's cabin to overpower the foe at the head of the British boarding party. But for the most part, Mahan's works lumber soberly along:

The principal conditions affecting the sea power of nations may be enumerated as follows: 1. Geographical position. 2. Physical conformation, including, as connected therewith, natural production and climate. 3. Extent of territory. 4. Number of population. 5. Character of the people. 6. Character of the government, including therein the national institutions.

These are the "elements of sea power" upon which Mahan elaborated with painstaking thoughtfulness in the opening pages of his first book. He showed how Britain's position in respect to these six conditions made her strong at sea, and how much more far-reaching was her sea power than the land power of Napoleon.

Mahan attributed this same favourable balance of elements to Britain's position at the opening of the World War. Shortly before his passing in 1914, he said: "The British fleet holds the decision in its hands, as in the days of Napoleon."

Mahan voiced this opinion in the face of the shocking news that the British cruiser Aboukir had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea, and that when her consort, the Hogue and Cressy, stood by to rescue the Aboukir's crew, they were quickly sunk in turn by the U-boat's torpedoes. Mahan thought that by keeping a good lookout and strengthening its destroyer patrols, the Royal Navy would soon meet the submarine menace.

And recently Capt. Frederick L. Oliver, an American naval officer schooled in the Mahan tradition, voiced a similarly favourable view of Britain's ability to

quickly counteract advanced submarine and air tactics now being used by the Germans. This outstanding naval authority asserts that by increased use of aeroplane scouting patrols along heavily travelled convoy tracks the Royal Navy will soon thwart Germany's efforts to cut Britain's overseas lifelines.

It is encouraging to keep these views in mind when we ask ourselves whether Mahan would say the British fleet holds the decision in the present conflict in which the aeroplane has projected a dangerous new dimension into the strategy of war.

Those who now insist that "time is on the side of Britain" will find their judgment confirmed in this warning and this prophecy by Mahan on the importance of the time factor in war:

If time be, as is everywhere admitted, a supreme factor in war, it behooves countries whose genius is essentially not military, whose people, like all free people, object to pay for large military establishments, to see to it that they are at least strong enough to gain the time necessary to turn the spirit and capacity of their subjects into the new activities which war calls for. If the existing force by land or sea is strong enough to hold out, even though at a disadvantage, the country may rely upon its natural resources and strength coming into play for whatever they are worth—its wealth, its capacities of every kind.

While Hitler appears to have matched the diplomatic and military successes of Napoleon, it appears thus far that he has also matched Napoleon's failures. Thwarted by British sea power in his plans to invade England, the French Emperor about-faced and marched toward Austerlitz. Does Hitler's drive to the east mean that British sea power already has forced history to repeat itself?

To-day Germany's air power is hammering relentlessly at Mahan's six points. But the island fortress holds fast. Bulwarked by an inspiring faith in Mahan's fifth point, its belief in the sixth unshaken, Britain waits resolutely for Hitler to attempt his promised coming—confident as always in the supremacy of its sea power.

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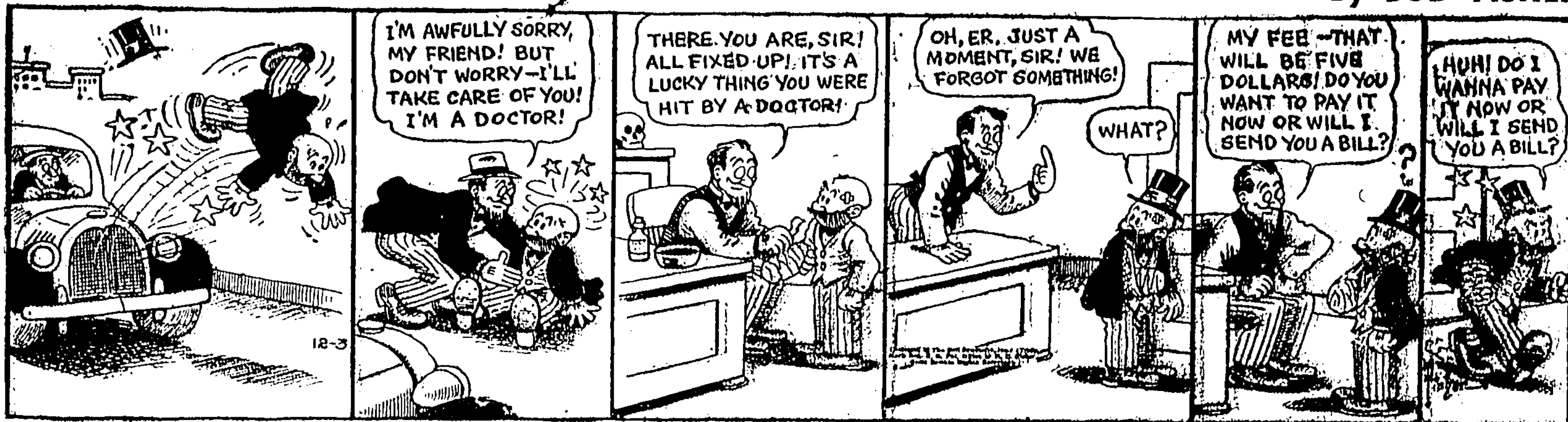
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Swimming Best For Beauty

SWIMMING is one sport which may be enjoyed the year 'round. During the hotter months, sea bathing is refreshing and beautifying and during the colder months pool swimming serves to keep our bodies streamlined and healthy.

Women with heavy thighs and legs should most certainly go regularly to a pool to thrash their limbs up and down in the water. This is done by holding on to the side of the pool and letting the body float. To a rhythmic counting of "one-two, one-two" the legs are thrashed up and down. After a few moments of relaxation, in order to catch one's breath, you should swim away from the edge of the pool, turn over on your back and float. When you are sure of your balance again thrash your legs up as high as possible out of the water and down onto the water. A few weeks of this exercise and even the heaviest of thighs, hips and legs will be slimmed!

Using the Diving Board

Another leg shaping exercise and back exercise combined is possible by hanging on to the end of a diving board with both hands. For a minute or two simply hang. Feel every vertebra going into correct alignment. Then lift both legs up to a right angle, push them first to the right side and then to the left side. Repeat this until you feel a straining in your arms. Let go of the board and float for a rest period.

Again, grasp the end of the board and move your legs forward and backward as if you were walking rapidly. Muscles which never get used are thus exercised but you must be sure to not strain yourself. Rest on the side of the pool or float whenever you feel you must.

Protect Your Hair

Many women write me that they would swim regularly if they could keep their hair from getting wet. The expense and fuss required for frequent settings is



You no longer are of the younger generation if all you are out of swimming is a bunch of tangled tresses.



Anne Nagel, Jeanne Kelly, and Kay Leslie practice the leg beautifying exercise described to-day.

too much for them. After experimenting I have found a solution to this problem.

There is a bathing cap with a chin strap on the market which has a suction rim inside. This must be wet before the cap is put on and your hair should be brushed high on your head. Once the cap is pulled down past your hair

line it stays put and no water creeps past the suction rim. If you wish further protection you may buy two strips of chamois, sew them into a strip and wind this around your hairline before slipping on the cap. I know that your hair cannot get even damp if these two precautions are taken!

Beauty Hints For Your Reference Book

TO LIGHTEN BLONDE HAIR alternate the after-shampoo rinses with lemon juice one time and white vinegar the next shampoo.

A QUICK SUBSTITUTE FOR A SOAP SHAMPOO is a hairbrush covered with absorbent cotton or several layers of sheer chiffon. Brush your hair thoroughly, and you will be amazed at the grime and oil thus removed from your tresses.

FOR SKIN GLOW in the evening apply your favourite foundation cream to all exposed skin—face, neck, shoulders and arms. Let it set for a few moments, blot lightly with fresh tissue and then dust with your best face powder which should have a becoming rose tint in it. Carry a puff covered with powder wrapped in an evening chiffon hanky to use after removing your evening wrap.

TO RELIEVE BURNING FEET at the end of the day or the morning after a night of dancing, massage them with a cooling oil of wintergreen and then rub them with ice wrapped in a linen towel.

TO DRAMATISE EYELASHES apply two coats of mascara to the outer lashes only (those nearer the nose are not darkened). Be certain the colouring does not bleed. After the second coat has dried thoroughly touch the very tips with vaseline to relieve the "dead black" effect. Also apply a

bit of the vaseline to your eyelids.

TO BEAUTIFY DULL-LOOKING HAIR massage the scalp with a handful of table salt prior to the last rinse of a shampoo. Give the scalp a brisk massage with finger tips. Three brushes with varying bristles—soft, medium and very stiff—should be used daily to brush the hair and a fine toothed comb is excellent for stimulating the scalp at the end of a tiring day.

FOR COMPLEXION BEAUTY try drinking a quart of milk each day going one full day and night each week without any make-up after your skin has been thoroughly washed, massaging your skin with a lubricating cream and complexion brush at least once a week. Between these treatments use daily bland soap and water washings to keep your skin clean.

IF UPPER LIP IS SHORTER THAN LOWER dramatise it by drawing a curve from corner to corner with no cupid's bow. Then extend the corners of the lower lip with an upward lift with the lips tick brush. This is a la Bette Davis and denotes strong character and fine sensibilities!

TO MAKE LIPSTICK STICK dry lips thoroughly, powder them lightly and apply thin coat of lip colour. Blot it with face tissue and apply second coat of lip rouge. After five minutes blot the second coat with tissue. Some girls dampen absorbent cotton with a chilled cologne and press the cotton against the lips.

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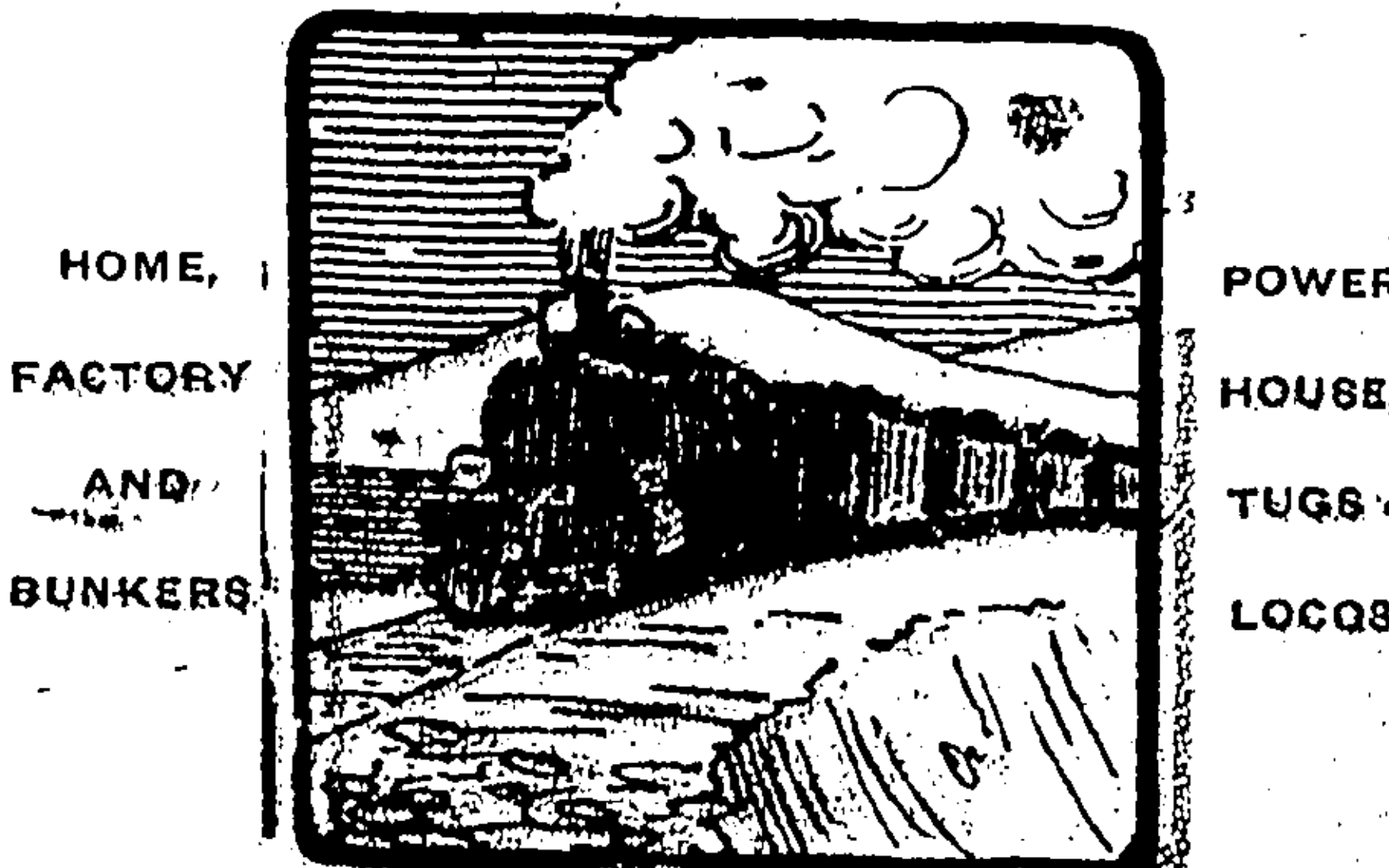
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An interlude in the obstacle race at the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



Miss Lee and Mrs. Booker line up the boys for a flat race at the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



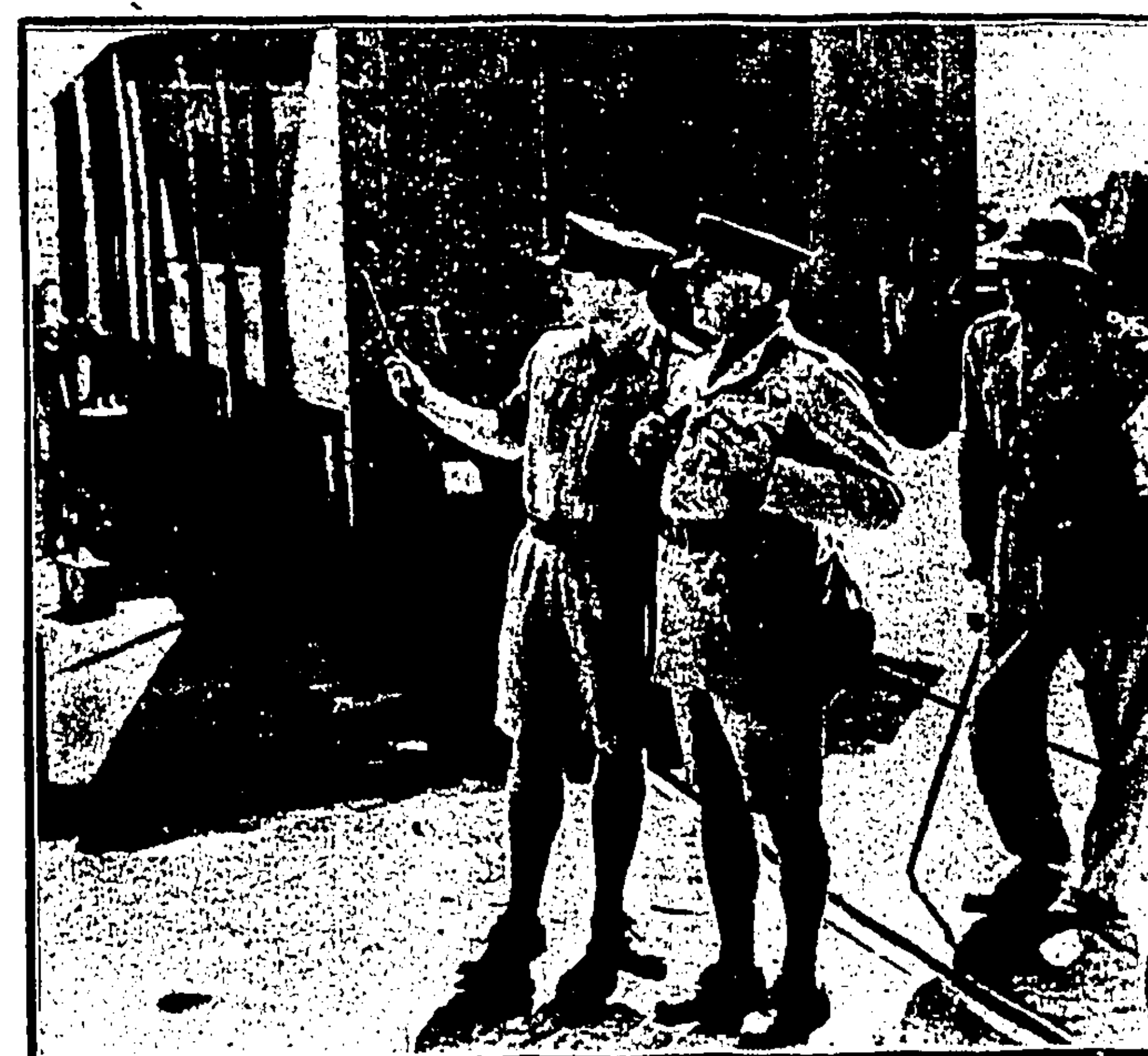
The field well strung out. The finish of a race in the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



The Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, held sports for members of the Boys' Club on Saturday. Above is a group of competitors and officials, the latter, in the back row, including Mrs. F. E. F. Booker, Mr. Abbas, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Miss Lee and Mrs. Anderson.



A scene during the Sing Tao—South China Football match on Club ground last Sunday. Sing Tao outplayed South China and won by 3 goals to 1.



Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Mailland Wilson, G.O.C., B.T.E., watching ships unloading a cargo of new equipment in Egypt for the operations in Libya. (Copyright, Fox).



THE END OF A RAIDER — Five German bombers were destroyed in one night recently, the Air Ministry announced. This is the biggest number since mass night raids began. One of the machines came to grief at Hornchurch, Essex, and this photo shows the tail and fuselage of the wrecked bomber. (Copyright, Fox).



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RUMANIA BECOMES UNEASY

The greatest uneasiness is felt in Rumania at the increasing arrivals of fresh German troops which are now estimated to total 12 divisions, says the Istanbul correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

The correspondent adds that the number is expected shortly to reach 18 divisions.

Rumanian military circles consider these moves are aimed to occupy Rumania in the event of upheavals that might imperil German food supplies.

They would also hold a threat over south-eastern European States and Turkey particularly, and also to prepare for a Spring offensive against Greece.

German troops arrive mostly straight from France, officers saying they came from Paris in a week. They are accompanied by a number of Renault (French) lorries.

The troops are in four main groups, one in Moldavia, opposite the Soviet frontier, the second in the region of Bucharest and the Promesti oil zone, the third, apparently reserves, in Banat, where it is supported by members of the German minority holding key posts in municipalities, and the

HITLER-IL DUCE CONFERENCE REPORT DENIED

Reports spread abroad concerning a meeting between Italian and German personages are devoid of foundation, states the official Italian news agency, Stefani, evidently referring to the talk of a meeting pending between Hitler and Mussolini. — Reuter.

HONOUR FOR R.A.F.

THREE R.A.F. OFFICERS HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE HIGHEST POLISH AWARD.

They are Squadron Leader R.G. Kellett, J. A. Kent and A. S. Ford. All are leaders of Polish squadrons and were presented with their medals by General Sikorski, the Polish Commander-in-Chief. All three already hold the D.F.C., while Kellett also holds the D.S.O. — Reuter.

fourth group along the line of the Danube opposite Bulgaria. — Reuter.

HOLLAND BASE FOR ATTACK

THE NUMBER OF German soldiers now in Holland is much bigger than even the most extensive army of occupation would justify, according to well-informed Dutch circles in London yesterday.

A great number are stationed in coastal districts which have been declared defence areas.

Dutch cigar manufacturers have to supply over 50 million cigars a month to the German army, of which 40 million are said to be smoked by German soldiers in Holland.

Even if every soldier gets one cigar a day this would mean over a million German soldiers now in Holland.

Ten million Dutch cigars are sent to Belgium and France.

Base Against England

That Holland is now being used as a base for attack

against England was clearly stated in an article in the Dutch Nazi newspaper in which relations between Dutch and Germans were discussed.

The writer complained of bad feeling existing among the population, stating: "It is not in the interest of Netherlands to commit sabotage or to demonstrate against the Germans."

He admitted, however, that the position was improved by the fact that the Germans exercised "to the full the right of an occupying power." — Reuter.

'More Like Stoking Than Bombing'

AFTER THE FIRST WAVE OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT HAD ARRIVED OVER WILHELMSHAVEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IT WAS ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE STRONG FORCE WHICH FOLLOWED TO FIND THE DUTCH COAST, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

From then onwards they were led by the glare in the sky right across Holland and 50 miles into Germany to a waste of flames which was all many pilots could see of the main base of the German North Sea Fleet.

Chief focus of attack was Bauhaven, where are crowded slipways, docks, engineering works, storehouses, assembling sheds, armour-plate shops, foundries, iron works, gun stores and a floating dock for the largest warships.

All this area was one raging fire.

A pilot said: "It was more like stoking than bombing. We just shovelled our bombs into the fires and watched them increase."

Two Attacks

Fires covered thousands of square yards within which lay a large proportion of Wilhelmshaven's military objectives. Huge explosions also were heard.

The first attack lasted from 8 p.m. till midnight.

The second attack, between 5 and 6 a.m. yesterday morning, started many new fires and also encouraged flames which were still burning.

Few targets in Germany are so well defended and pilots had to pass through a prodigious barrage. — Reuter.

Instance of Disaster

In the dry dock of Marinewerfte 24 submarines can be built at the same time and the harbour itself, with great floating cranes, was designed to take the largest warships.

The main railway station at Wilhelmshaven lies a few hundred yards to the south-west but there are power stations closer still both to the north and south of the harbour. To the east there are many naval barracks.

When they returned there was no need to ask pilots which of this huge collection of objectives had been hit or set ablaze. Areas of raging fire which they reported covered thousands of square yards on each side of the harbour

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

The German public is wondering once more about when the much promised invasion of Britain is to take place.

The Nazi organ "Voelkische Beobachter" yesterday devoted a leading article in an attempt to "prove" that there has been no invasion because it is better to keep the people of the British Isles "under nervous strain" by a threatened invasion.

Neutral observers, however, say that the nervous strain is telling more on the Germans than on the British.

The Turkish newspaper "Ulus" says that the German Press, which has recently been urging immediate action before the United States help can materialise, has given a picture of a nation torn by anxiety and concern. "Ulus" notes the resemblance with the position in 1917.

In 1917, the paper says, Germany dominated Europe but was faced with growing support for the Allies from the United States.

That was her undoing, and might well be again, for when a nation is forced to carry out her plans she is bound to lose all her chances of success. — Reuter.

Pandora Bags Two Italians

Information has been received in London that H.M. Submarine Pandora has sunk two Italian supply ships in the Mediterranean.

Both were of about 5,000 tons and were south-bound towards North Africa.

One of them had a deck cargo of motor vehicles. — Reuter.

Pandora, a submarine of 1,475 tons, was formerly stationed in Hong Kong as part of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present-day refrigerator, embodies three types of food processes. Three separate compartments in the new unit provide three distinct methods of food preservation. The first compartment is designed for frozen foods and desserts. The second compartment is designed for cooked meats and vegetables. The third compartment is designed for fresh fruits and vegetables. The new refrigerator is powered by a 115-volt electric current and is designed for quick freezing. It is also designed for frozen storage.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely all usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance in the new unit is the new steam door which is kept closed by a magnetic lock. On the first door, which is used to hold food in frequently used compartments, there is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is opened.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

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H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON LOST

Burst Into Flames And Sunk By British Forces

Majority Of Crew Saved

THE ADMIRALTY announced yesterday that the cruiser, Southampton — target of joint German and Italian air attack in the Central Mediterranean last Friday — is a total loss.

Bursting into flames after she had been hit, she had to be sunk by British forces when she could not be towed to port.

The Admiralty communique states: "The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that His Majesty's Ship Southampton (Captain R. C. D. Brooks) has become a total loss."

As announced on January 14, the Southampton was hit during an air attack on our ships in the Mediterranean.

Sunk By Our Forces

Fire broke out on board. As a result of the damage, the fire later attained such proportions that it became necessary to abandon ship.

Southampton had subsequently to be sunk by our own forces when it was found impracticable to tow her into port. A great majority of her crew have been saved."

The cruiser Southampton, of 9,000 tons, was launched at Clydebank in 1936. She had a speed of 32 knots and a main armament of 12 six-inch guns. She was an escort vessel when their Majesties the King and Queen visited Canada and the United States.

Early in the war she suffered three casualties when Nazi raiders bombed shipping in the Firth of Forth.—Reuter.

MR. OKAZAKI SPEAKS HIS PIECE

Japan's desire for closer trade relations with India were stressed in an interview with Reuter given by Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, formerly Consul-General in Hong Kong, on his arrival in Calcutta to become Japanese Consul-General there.

He said he did not think that there had been any change in Japan's attitude towards the European war.

He expressed surprise at the fact that the Japanese in India had recently sent their families home, but he had brought his wife and family with him to India.

Mr. Okazaki denied that Japan had any ambition to expand southward. As far as he knew, Japan's negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies for oil were proceeding smoothly.

As regards Japan's trade with India, the position was satisfactory, but Japan desired closer trade relations and it was his duty to do his best to bring that about.—Reuter.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN

Bardia should have taken many months to conquer, in the opinion of a correspondent who has just visited the town.

Inside the perimeter of defences, the whole area is a natural fort, he writes.

Bomb and shell proof shelters abounded in the ravines and huge stores of food and ammunition were found.

General Headquarters was in a mass of caves and the General Officer Commanding had 30 feet of work over his head.

Well constructed concrete defence posts were found all over the place.

The capture of Bardia, he concludes, might well have taken our forces a month or more, and it is little short of amazing that, on the contrary, they should now be laying siege to Tobruk.—Reuter.

RECRUIT FOR THE FREE FRENCH

M. Charles Baron, Labour Superintendent in French Indo-China, left Pondicherry (India) yesterday for Singapore in connection with the Free French movement, says Reuter from Madras.

SOVIET-JAPANESE PACT HANGS FIRE

THAT THE SOVIET-JAPANESE Pact is hanging fire and agreement appears as far off as ever, is the general impression in Moscow.

With the arrival of the new Japanese Ambassador, Lieutenant-General Tatekawa last October, the conviction grew that a Soviet-Japanese non-aggression pact would be signed very shortly.

M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, and Mr. Y. Matsukata, Japanese Foreign Minister, have both stated that there was no reason why relations between the two countries should not be on a normal footing and it was generally believed that the new Ambassador brought a scheme on which a measure of agreement had been reached and he has seen M. Molotov several times, but apparently an agreement is as far off as ever.

Fishery Question

It is generally believed that the Japanese were prepared to make far-reaching concessions in return for Soviet recognition of Manchukuo and cessation of Soviet help to China.

It is rumoured that Japan would regard Inner Mongolia as a Soviet sphere of influence, accord special railway and clearance facilities at Dairen and might even come to an agreement over southern Sakhalin but Japan would not give way on the question of fisheries so vital to Japan, Russia never having accepted gladly the loss of fishing rights which Japan gained after the Russo-Japanese War.—Reuter.

CRACK RACEHORSE DESTROYED

The crack racehorse, Glory of India, (formerly Tantimeux) met with an accident yesterday when preparing for the Eclipse Stakes of India and had to be destroyed. Recently, an offer of 150,000 rupees was refused for its sale.—Reuter.

EVEN ROME ADMITS IT NOW

Even the Italians now admit that they do not control even the narrowest part of the Mediterranean.

Rome Radio said yesterday: "From the Italian point of view, it is becoming increasingly clear that we must intensify our efforts to control the Sicilian channel by naval and air means and attack effectively against convoys."

The view expressed on Wednesday by the Soviet newspaper "Trud" that the British Navy is master of the Mediterranean routes is supported by the Spanish News Agency.

He writes that the Mediterranean remains open to British merchantships and along its routes Britain can supply and reinforce either Greece or North Africa.—Reuter.

HUGE U.S. BUILDING PROGRAMME

President Roosevelt has formally asked Congress for authority to build a fleet of two hundred merchant ships "on an emergency basis."

He has also asked for an appropriation of \$213,000,000 to cover the cost.

The President made the request in a Message to Congress in which he said: "I am convinced that the national interest demands that immediate steps be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

The Message added: "The emergency ship construction proposals should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range shipbuilding programme which the United States Maritime Commission is already pushing forward, nor with naval construction."

There has been some speculation on whether these new ships might be lent to Britain, or replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain.—Reuter.

BURMESE MISSION IN CHUNGKING

The Burmese Government Mission spent a busy day in Chungking yesterday calling on various Chinese Government leaders. Formal talks regarding the settlement of the communication problems between China and Burma are expected to be initiated to-day.

Accompanied by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, Mr. Te Garth Craw and three other members of the Mission called on Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan at noon. In the afternoon, they paid separate visits to Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs.

The Burmese officials were entertained at dinner last night by Dr. Wang Chung-hui. More than twenty Chinese and foreign officials were present including Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Mr. Hsu Mo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pai, Vice-Minister of Communications.

Mr. Chang Kia-ngau gave a party in honour of the Burmese Mission last night at the Ministry of Communications, at which views were exchanged on the problem of communication between China and Burma.—Central News.

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British Appeal To Japan To Effect A Rapprochement

Significant British Press Comment

FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS were the subject of leading articles in two influential British newspapers yesterday. First, "The Times" discussed the situation in the Netherlands East Indies and Japan, and second, the prominent provincial newspaper "Yorkshire Post" appealed to Japan to effect a rapprochement with the Democracies.

"The Times" emphasised the strong pro-British sympathies in the Dutch Indies and recalls that immediately Holland was overrun Tokyo assumed the Dutch colonial Empire would be ready to receive Japanese "assistance."

The special mission under Mr. Kobayashi found the Indies willing to negotiate on an economic basis only, and returned to Tokyo with every protestation that the Indies did not come within the scope of the "new order of Greater Asia."

Although this is doubtless the official Tokyo view, says "The Times," it cannot altogether be without significance that the Japanese League for Emancipation of South-Eastern Asiatic Nations has just issued a flamboyant manifesto in which the races of the East Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and even India are mentioned as among those to be liberated.

Stand Together

"The Times" adds that such emancipation is unlikely to appeal to any of these peoples. This form of charity begins at home — Japanese — occupied China, for instance.

The paper concludes that although Japan has so much in hand the Netherlands authorities are not taking risks and much wealth is being spent for defence measures.

"In the East as in the West, Great Britain and Holland stand together."

Axis Pact And Japan

Under the title "Japan thinks it over," the "Yorkshire Post" discusses the effects of the Axis Pact on Japan.

Chief result hitherto has been to bring Britain and America closer together in uncompromising resistance to Japan's aggressive designs.

The paper recalls that Mr. Cordell Hull on Wednesday pointed out that the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interests would be friendly relations with the United States.

"Even to the fire-eaters in Tokyo that should be obvious enough; it is equally true of Japan's relations with the British Empire."

Japan's Chief Need

The "Yorkshire Post" points out Japan's dependence on America for engineering supplies and vital raw materials.

It emphasises that Japan depends on Britain for 70 per cent. of the profits of her foreign trade.

More than this: the friendship of America and Britain would invite her collaboration in a new world order not based, like Hitler's, on tyranny and fraud; but framed to ensure justice and security for all nations, great and small.

The article concludes that there are signs that Japan has begun to think over the alternatives, and declares her chief need is for a statesman with the courage to join Mr. Cordell Hull in telling

her where her true interests lie before the "unhappy entanglement with the Axis becomes irrevocable." — Reuter.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN POLAND

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN OCCUPIED POLAND HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE COMPLETE REORGANISATION OF THE POLISH RAILWAYS AND WATERWAYS IN ORDER TO ADAPT THEM TO THE GERMAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO NEWS RECEIVED IN LONDON BY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES.

The plan is for the extension of the waterways, including the linking of Polish canals with German canals from east to west.

Polish circles in London also note with interest that all German stations along the Soviet-German frontier are to be considerably enlarged.

The Vistula is to be linked with the Oder and the Danube by a canal. Bydgoszcz Canal will be deepened to take ships of 1,000 tons displacement. — Reuter.

ITALIAN 'PLANES ROT ON GROUND

ITALIAN 'PLANES lie rotting at the vast abandoned Italian aerodrome at El Adem, south of Tobruk in Libya, states the Air Ministry News Service.

Most of the 'planes had already been rendered unserviceable by R.A.F. attacks and they were finally set on fire by the retreating Italians.

In one hangar alone, there were 22 burnt-out skeletons of 'planes.

The huge aerodrome, now desolate, had been made by the Italians into a very comfortable base with up-to-date kitchens, shower-baths, billiard tables, tennis and badminton courts.

The important wireless installation at El Adem was destroyed before the Italians took to flight, but the large electric power station was left unscathed.

In the huge joiners' shop were discovered ten canvas squares with R.A.F. identification circles on them.

Huge Stocks Undamaged

All the machine-shops were equipped on up-to-date lines. All

HITLER'S REPLY TO PETAIN

Hitler's reply to a personal message which Marshal Petain sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday, according to the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse," the Zurich paper.

He says that the long awaited visit of De Brinon, the Vichy representative in Paris, to Vichy, is expected to take place very soon, and it would be followed by a Ca-

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Continued interest in industrial shares was the main feature of operations on the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

Further substantial gains were recorded, especially among tobacco, breweries and the shares of heavy industry.

Home rails are also forging ahead and oils, after losing some ground, made a smart recovery. Diamonds and rubber issues attracted increased attention. Kai-feng closed firm.

Among foreign bond issues, Japanese eased, but Chinese were well supported.

Wall Street was quiet and steady.

binet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations.

The correspondent recalls that De Brinon is expected to bring Hitler's reply to Petain's message. — Reuter.

LONDON MURDER

ACCUSED'S R.A.F. SON TESTIFIES

The inquest on Mrs. Lloyd James, wife of Professor Lloyd James, who has been arrested and charged with her murder, was formally adjourned at St. Pancras yesterday until February 21, after the criminal proceedings against her husband have been completed.

A blood-stained carving-fork, and a hammer, found in the room with the corpse, were produced.

The son of Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd James, David, now a flying officer in the Royal Air Force, and formerly the youngest B.B.C. announcer, wearing his uniform, gave evidence of identification and revealed that it was he who found the body of his mother, with the recently used bloodstained carving-fork and hammer.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the famous pathologist, who performed the post-mortem examination, stated that the cause of death was a depressed fracture of the skull, consequent upon a blow on the head. The other injuries were not sufficient to cause death, but were consistent with the use of the fork. — Reuter.

ANOTHER WAR FRONT IN THE BALKANS?

THE TURKISH PRESS is again discussing the chances of the Balkans to keep out of the war.

"Cumhuriyet" says that if for any reason Bulgaria consents to the transit of German troops it would drag her right into the midst of the tempest and another war front would be opened.

Discussing Moscow's attitude, the paper says it would be a mistake to think that Soviet neutrality would remain unaffected in such an event.

Reports continue to be received that Germans are arriving in Bulgaria by the hundreds as "tourists" and "commercial travellers."

Moscow Radio has again broadcast a denial of German-inspired reports that Russia has consented to the movement of German troops in Bulgaria, and has also re-broadcast Bulgaria's denial of these reports.

The Bulgarian War Minister said yesterday that the danger might be avoided "but it may have to be overcome by force."

Another Turkish newspaper says that British successes have been responsible for the prevention of the spreading of war to Bulgaria. — Reuter.

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GERMANY NOW IN THE AIR WAR ON TWO FRONTS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

GERMANY IS AT WAR—in the air—on two fronts. So far in the Mediterranean the Nazi air squadrons based in Sicily have carried out one partially successful attack on British warships, notably on the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The bill Germany had to pay for that stroke was the loss of a number of Junkers dive-bombers at the time, but more important was the disclosure of one nest at Catania, of which the R.A.F. took immediate advantage.

The Luftwaffe may have other bases in the Central Mediterranean, as at Sardinia, but it is almost certain that is on air control of the narrowest part of the "Italian lake" on which it pins its greatest hopes, of:—

Firstly, forcing the British Mediterranean Fleet apart and keeping each half in its eastern and western basins;

Secondly, freeing the stranglehold on the Italian army in Libya, so as to prolong their fight against the British forces in North Africa; and

Thirdly, preventing continued military assistance to the Greeks by at least one route until Spring brings a promise of the Italians in Albania fighting back over the ground they have lost.

German Daring

This project—even accenting the aid of Italian torpedo-bombers—presumes a regular smooth flow of personnel and supplies to replace losses—each time the Luftwaffe goes into action—over the Brenner Pass, down the hard-pressed Italian railway system and over to Messina or Palermo, another target of the R.A.F.

The more daring the German pilots—and they have shown over the Straits of Sicily as they did over the Straits of Dover before British fighters forced them to retire that they don't lack daring—the bigger will be these losses and the greater the strain on the supply system.

Acknowledging that the British Fleet will not be scared into seeking security and less still a way out through scuttling, there is no obvious reason why the R.A.F. and Navy together should not destroy the German air contingents' resources.

Landing in Sicily?

In the last resort a British landing in Sicily, to clean up the Nazi air nests, should they become too great a source of embarrassment, is possible with Malta near.

Immediately, the attack on *Illustrious* and *Southampton* would seem to suggest that convoys in the Mediterranean, like those in the English Channel, must at vulnerable points wear their full "curtain" of kite balloons and fighters to ensure their greater security.

Of far more permanent importance to the Axis than Nazi intervention in Sicily would have been the basing of German air aid in the early days of the Italian reversal in Greece—better still, before the British landed in Crete—in the Dodecanese.

The British entry into Libya and the investment of Tobruk, last port from which the starving Dodecanese could be refreshed, finally put an end to that possibility.

Unforeseen as was the necessity for such aid to Italy, Nazi air intervention in the Mediterranean now takes a form as intelligible as it could be.—Reuter.

RAF Pilot Makes History

A Royal Air Force night fighter pilot made war history on Wednesday night when, single-handed, he shot down and destroyed two German raiders.

He brought down the first victim after a running fight which began over London shortly after midnight.

Riddled with bullets and with both engines out of action, the bomber crashed near an Essex town with a terrific explosion.

The second victim was intercepted over Essex a few hours later. Damaged by a burst of fire it turned for home but was re-engaged and shot down.—Reuter.

PROHIBITION RULING

A special bench of the Bombay High Court yesterday refused leave to appeal against the High Court's decision in the prohibition case.

The Prohibition Law was introduced by the Congress Government in 1939 and, in effect, it has been invalidated by the High Court.—Reuter.

months.
There were full supplies of sugar and also cement, of which there was an exportable surplus, and there was clothing of all sorts.

Referring to the sinking of ships bringing goods to Eire, Mr. Lemass said Government was endeavouring to purchase ships but that might not solve the problem. The loss of ships had made supplies of petrol uncertain. There was no cause for immediate anxiety as regards tea and no need for rationing.—Reuter.

EIRE'S SUPPLIES DIFFICULTY

Eire's supply difficulties as a result of the war were discussed in the Dail yesterday afternoon.

Mr. William Cosgrave, Opposition Leader, asked Government to indicate what steps were contemplated for equitable distribution of essential supplies in the event of an acute shortage developing.

Mr. Cosgrave referred to the recent restrictions on the use of petrol and spoke of the shortage of tea.

Mr. Eamonn Dwyer, Minister of Supplies, replying, said that the country was lucky that it had not felt the effects of the war more seriously during the last 15

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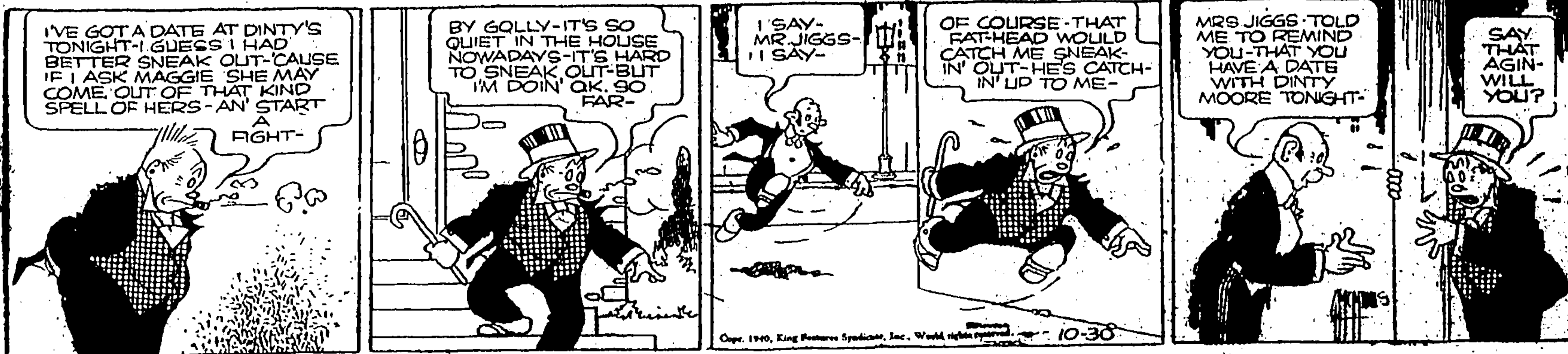
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FRIENDLY GESTURE TO CHINA

"China regards the Burma road as one of her life-lines and looks on the re-opening of the road as another gesture of Sino-British friendship."

This statement was made in Rangoon yesterday by General Wu Te-chen, Chinese Minister for Overseas Affairs.

He added: "I wish to point out that keeping the road open will help bring victory for China and peace and stability to the Far East."

"Because Burma and China are next-door neighbours the security and peace of Burma are important to China, while China's development means a great deal to Burma."

Economic Base

General Wu disclosed that they had succeeded in establishing a strong economic base in the north-west and south-west provinces for developing the natural resources of that rich region.

He hoped the Yunnan-Burma railway would soon be completed in order to develop potential trade between China and Burma. — Reuter.

Two gunboats for the Nanking regime were launched yesterday at Kiangnan Dockyard in Shanghai, says Reuter.

MORE U.S. NAVY TRANSFERS IN THE OFFING?

COL. FRANK KNOX, Secretary for the Navy, declared in Washington yesterday that he would object to any clause being inserted in the "Lease And Lend Bill" to prevent transfer of any part of the United States Navy.

Col. Knox made this statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

He gave as reason for his objection that he could foresee conditions under which the navy could be transferred on very advantageous terms.

In the course of his evidence, Col. Knox said that the essence of the President's plan was that the United States should become virtually the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war materials produced in the United States.

There would thus be constituted one great funnel through which all such material would flow.

"We shall then be in a position to apportion these munitions among ourselves and other democracies whose defence is important to us."

British Assets

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declaring himself in favour of the Lease-and-Lend Bill, told his press conference yesterday that, to the best of his knowledge, the Churchill Government had no assets available for American purchases apart from the U.S.\$1,775,000,000 which he reported to Congress on Wednesday.

He explained that although the assets did not include the values of Canadian or other Empire investments in the United States, these additional resources were not available for London.

Declining to offer any estimate of the value of these assets, Mr. Morgenthau said: "The British Empire is a family and it has the same problems as a human family. Because some members of a family have assets, it does not mean necessarily that they belong to the rest of the family." — Reuter.

LONDON AIR RAID DRAMA

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique yesterday stated: "There has been very little enemy air activity over this country to-day. Bombs were dropped at two points in east Kent. No damage or casualties were caused."

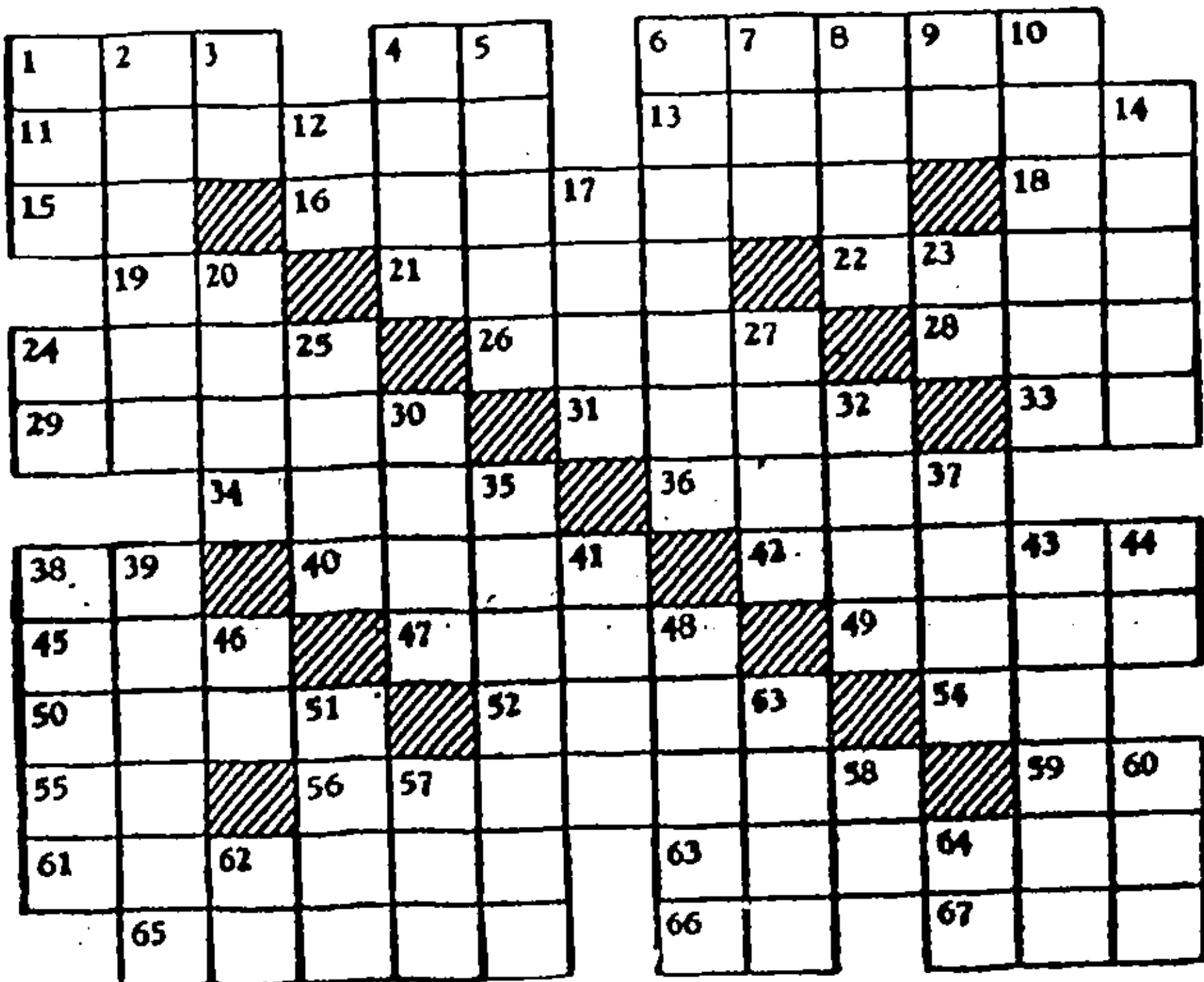
Pioneers with mobile cranes helped rescue squads in London yesterday save men from the wreckage of a large men's hostel demolished by a bomb during the night raid.

By early afternoon many of the trapped had been rescued, some badly injured.

Two men were brought out after being buried more than eight hours, police officers having to chip away stonework to release one of them.

Rescuers concentrated on points from which sounds were heard and the cranes stopped at intervals to give a chance of hearing any noise made by the imprisoned men. — British Wireless.

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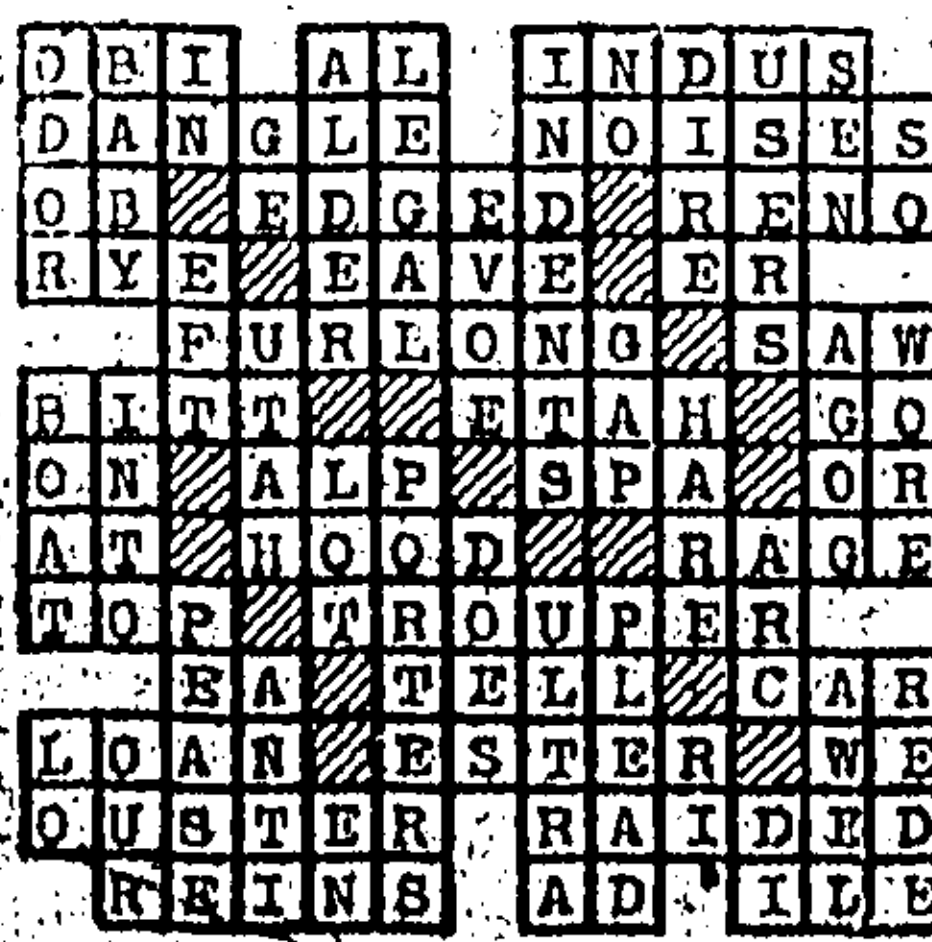
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Dread
- 4 Toward
- 6 To cool suddenly
- 11 To stumble
- 13 Pertaining to the Muses
- 15 Note of scale
- 16 White of an egg
- 18 Roman gods
- 19 Brother of Odin
- 21 Stripe
- 22 Party
- 24 Saucy
- 26 Teat
- 28 Dry
- 29 To ascend
- 31 Tailless amphibian
- 33 Concerning
- 34 Hub of a wheel
- 36 Neat
- 38 Japanese money
- 40 Mature
- 42 Species of tree
- 45 French coin
- 47 Italian coin
- 49 To bind
- 50 Land measure
- 52 Slang: detective

VERTICAL

- 1 Near the stern
- 2 Relinquishment of a right
- 3 Spanish article
- 4 To narrate
- 5 Heavenly body's path
- 6 Seat of King Arthur's court
- 7 Tilling implement
- 8 Caravansaries
- 9 Chinese measure

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



10 Device for climbing

- 12 Symbol for tantalum
- 14 Daughter of one's aunt
- 17 Single thing
- 20 Elre
- 23 Exists
- 24 Colloquial: father
- 25 Former Russian ruler
- 27 Edible root
- 30 Iniquity
- 32 Filth
- 35 Outer skin (var.)
- 37 To seize
- 38 Intended
- 39 Happens
- 41 Scandinavian explorer
- 43 South-American creeping plant
- 44 Compass point
- 46 City in Chaldea
- 48 One who plays a part
- 51 Famous Italian family
- 53 Military cap
- 57 Edible seed
- 58 Note of scale
- 60 Man's name
- 62 Pronoun
- 64 Artificial language

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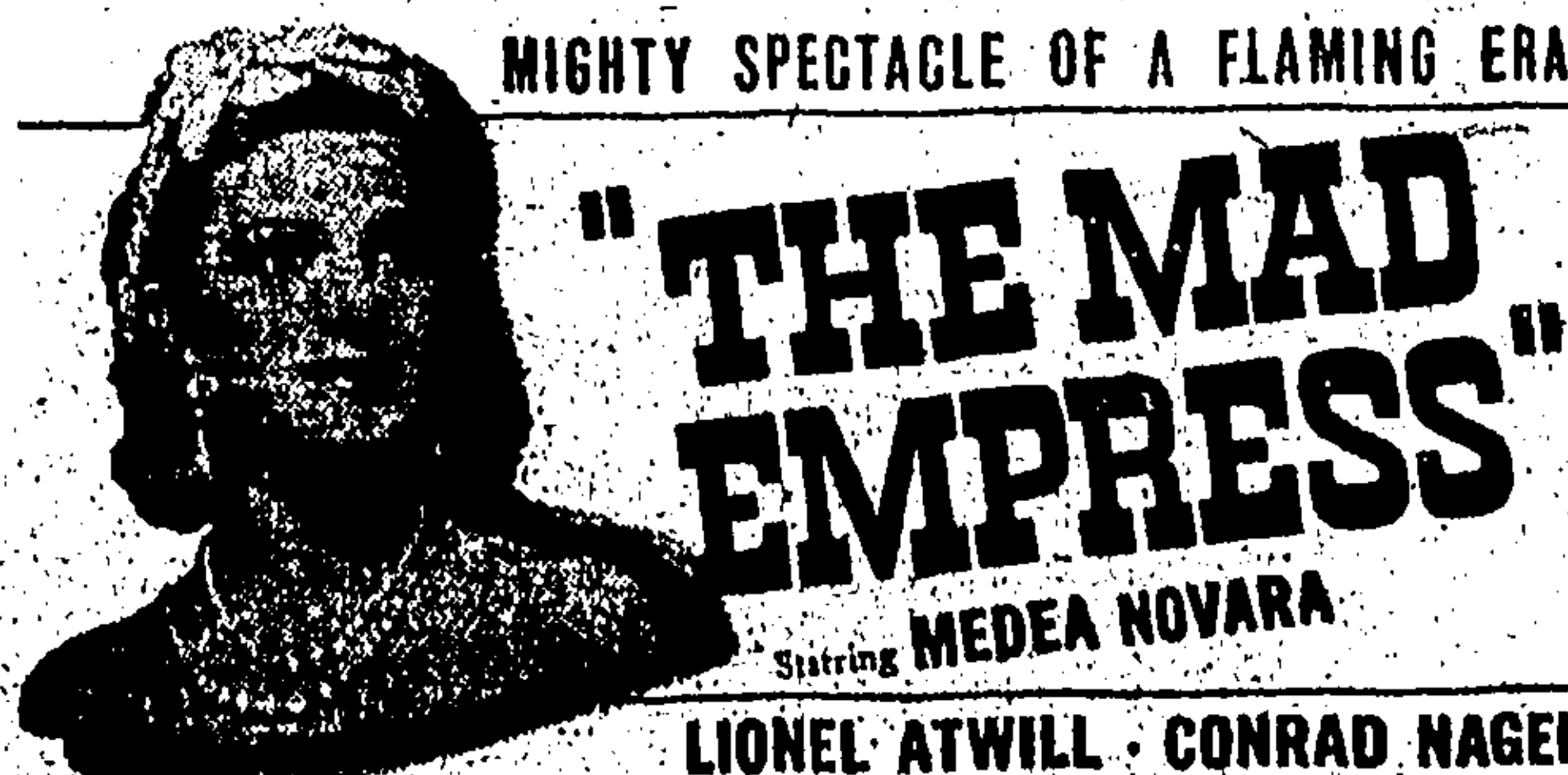
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INFERIORITY ADMITTED BY ITALY

A FRANK ADMISSION OF THE INABILITY OF THE ITALIAN FLEET TO PREVENT THE BRITISH FROM MAKING FULL USE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WAS CONTAINED IN AN EDITORIAL APPEARING IN THE "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF THE PAPER'S NAVAL CORRESPONDENT, SIGNOR ANGELO GINOCHIETTI.

The correspondent attributed this situation to the belief that Great Britain was using about 500,000 tons of warships in the Mediterranean, "which gave them a clear numerical superiority over the Italian navy."

"This numerical superiority," he thought, "particularly in battleships has made it impossible for the Italian navy to control even the Straits of Sicily, and has compelled it to carry out a programme of harassing the British naval forces as much as possible, an operation which is less difficult in the central Mediterranean than elsewhere in that sea."

The correspondent asserted that in September 1938, at the time of the Munich crisis, the British fleet consisted of fifteen battleships, seventy cruisers, seven aircraft-carriers, 190 destroyers and seventy submarines.

British "Losses"

"If the losses suffered by that navy since the outbreak of hostilities are taken into consideration, it appears that the greater part of the British fleet is now concentrated in the Mediterranean, particularly as far as the battleships and aircraft-carriers are concerned," he wrote.

According to the correspondent, the British naval units at present in the Mediterranean consist of eight battleships of 32,000 tons each, several aircraft-carriers, a number of 10,000 ton and smaller cruisers, and many destroyers and submarines.

Against this "huge force," the task of the Italian fleet had been reduced to hampering British communication lines in the Mediterranean and protecting the Italian lines.

Reiterating that the Straits of Sicily were still open to the British, the correspondent stressed that "to close them would necessitate a clear superiority in military means and in battleships, the latter proving a decisive factor in any naval engagement."

"As far as we are concerned, the British have always enjoyed this superiority," he added.

The main naval engagement between the British and Italian fleets he declared, occurred in the Straits of Sicily on the night of October 12 last, and, a few days later, South of Cape Teulada.

The correspondent then declared that every time a British convoy sailed from Gibraltar to Alexandria, "the entire British fleet escorts it."

Remarkable Claim

However, he claimed, "the operations of the Italian fleet were sufficient to compel most of the British naval convoys sent from home waters to the Mediterranean to assist in the North African campaign, to reach their destination by going around the Cape; thus lengthening their journey by some 8,000 miles and delaying their arrival by over 20 days."

The writer then proceeded to evaluate the respective losses suffered by the British and Italian navies in the Mediterranean. The British, he said, including ships sunk and those put out of action for an indefinite period, lost twenty submarines, six cruisers, ten destroyers, a minelayer, a patrol-ship, and two unidentified units, to which must be added a light cruiser and a destroyer, sunk in the Atlantic.

"The Italians," he asserted, "lost eleven submarines, one cruiser, four destroyers, and a mosquito torpedo-boat—Havag."

RHEUMATICS RESULT OF MODERN WARFARE

The high incidence of rheumatism among soldiers is probably due to the intensive development of mechanised warfare, involving work in cramped conditions with frequent changes of temperature, says the annual report of the Empire Rheumatism Council.

The Council, of which the Duke of Gloucester is president, and Lord Horder chairman, points out that such conditions are especially productive of rheumatic conditions.

It offers Australian Army medical authorities help to deal with incidence of rheumatism in the Australian forces.

Lieut.-Colonel Anderson expressed appreciation of the offer, and documents embodying the Council's views will be sent to Australia and to the A.I.F. in the East and in Britain.

The Council is now well equipped to advise how the ravages of rheumatism can be checked.

WHY R.A.F. BOMBED LORIENT

As the Germans find their preparations in the North Channel ports more and more disturbed it would be natural for them to turn to French harbours a little farther away from our aerodromes.

Some movement of this kind must explain our severe bombing of the port of Lorient, which lies seventy miles south-east of Brest on the southern side of the Brittany peninsula.

East of the town lies the big French naval dockyard, while to the south is the commercial harbour, which, if there is any blockade-breaking, would be useful to the Germans for supplies from Spain.

Of ships whose names we have heard since the fall of France, the battleships Courbet and Provence were built at Lorient together with many of France's destroyers.

The small town is old and its history has been interwoven with ours—not always happily. It was founded in the seventeenth century by the French East India Company, which named it, after itself, "L'Orient."

There sailed to it what riches the French could wrest from us in India, and after Bengal had been captured by the British in 1753 its prosperity declined.

The French East India Company collapsed, but its docks in Lorient were taken over by the State and the citizens, disappointed of commerce, found new wealth in the making of warships. Because of the present plight of the French Navy, forced as it is to aid German plans against us a statue in the port of Lorient has taken on a new significance today.

It is to Bisson, a young lieutenant in the French Navy who died in 1827. He blew up his ship to prevent its falling into the hands of pirates.

WITH A KNIFE SHE FOILED ARMED BANK BANDITS

A YOUNG GIRL, armed with a carving knife, foiled I.R.A. men in one of a series of raids by armed bandits on Belfast banks and post offices when, it is officially stated, £2,165 was stolen.

The girl, Miss Nellie Cunningham, who was in charge of a post office in the Falls Road neighbourhood, was threatened by five men, armed with revolvers, who said they were members of the I.R.A.

The two banks raided were branches of the Munster and Leinster Bank, where £820 was stolen, and the National Bank, both in Falls Road.

MOUSE, SYMBOL OF HOPE, HAD DIED

When a bomb fell on a London printing works, burying Francis Irish in the debris, his bride of three weeks refused to believe he was dead. Symbol of her hopes was a mouse, found unharmed amid the debris.

She gave it to her sister to keep for her while she watched the rescue party's efforts.

After seventy-two hours Irish was found—dead. Mrs. Irish collapsed. When her sister returned from taking her to hospital she found that the mouse, too, had died.

At Edenderry Post Office, Crumlin Road, the Postmistress, Miss Davison, raised the alarm and one of the raiders fired two shots at her.

She was taken to hospital with a wound in the leg.

Another of the raiders grabbed a bundle of notes and the men then fled. A pedestrian who tried to stop one of them was threatened with a revolver.

Police-Sergeant Lynch, with a party of constables later went to a house. As they entered the door a shot was fired. Though wounded the sergeant returned the fire.

A Belfast youth, aged 20, who later taken to hospital with a bullet wound in the body.

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THE BUDGET

The Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday introduced Hong Kong to the Budget proposals for 1941-42 with a notable brevity. It will take much longer for the community to attune its ideas to the scale of expenditure contemplated, and if we know our community, still longer to develop that frame of mind which, in England, enabled the taxpayer to greet a colossal burden of war taxation with the complaint that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had not gone far enough!

Nevertheless, judged on the basis of a brief survey of the proposals—time prohibiting a more detailed study for the moment—it is a good budget. It is good from the viewpoint that, despite the exceedingly heavy commitments under the heading of special war expenditure, the impulse to cheese-pare elsewhere to the detriment of the Colony's welfare and well-being and progress, has been resisted. It is good because the additional taxation contemplated falls largely upon that section of the community which can most easily afford to bear it, because it brings home vividly—some may think drastically—that there is a war on in which Hong Kong has an intimate interest, and because, in order to seek ways and means to meet the large deficit, Government intends to re-open the question of War Taxation.

The compromise taxes introduced just before the departure of Mr. Sydney Caine have produced much greater revenue than was expected. They have, on the whole, worked very smoothly; the process of collection has not been complicated by unexpected or insuperable obstacles. But in no sense can it be suggested that they are satisfactory. The opinion expressed by the Committee set up in Singapore to study war revenue problems, condemning the Hong Kong "compromise" taxes out of hand as grossly inequitable, merely gave point to the views of Government during the income tax controversy.

Mr. Butters suggested three alternative ways of meeting the needs of the financial situation. First, to perpetuate and emphasise the existing inequities by increasing the existing rates, second, to amend radically the forms of taxation in order to spread the incidence more fairly, and third, to

The story Mr. Baxter tells here is one of the most dramatic of this war. It is a strictly accurate account of an actual happening, but for obvious reasons certain names have had to be changed or withheld.

Nobody could explain how he ever came to be minesweeping in that North Sea trawler.

Possibly he could not have explained it himself. If so, it was about the only thing he could not explain. For he would ramble on in that amazing easy way of his about ruts that Roman chariot wheels had left on the grass rides in the north country where he came from, and how they were set just as far apart as the wheels of a modern farm cart.

"You see the gauge just went on the same," he explained, "and, by the way, you know there's something else that has just gone on the same. That's Shakespeare's English. Yes, they still talk Shakespeare's English in the Blue Grass country in Kentucky. They're supposed to be the descendants of the men Sir Walter Raleigh sent to plant Virginia. Isolated behind those great mountains they've got left there all these hundreds of years. What a life, eh?"

Or he would tell you about eels in there happened to be an eel, fried or otherwise, in evidence.

"Did you know," he would ask with that forward jerk of his chin which presaged some amazing piece of information—"did you know that all eels are born in the Gulf of Mexico? I didn't believe it, but the best naturalist I all say so."

Of course, the men who never bothered about any eel did not know. But they sat listening and they were amazed.

"You'd have made a great writer, Jim," they said. "What made you go to sea?"

"Oh, it's in my veins," said Jim with mock pomposity. "The tang of salt water runs in the blood. The call of the sea comes to me as it came to the young Raleigh. Have a cigarette after all that!"

"No good asking him," said the cook wisely. "He cares for the sea too much to talk of it."

There was one man on board who knew a little more about him, who had seen him sometimes in those grim days before the war, when he tramped a ship's deck very seldom, but tramped the weary road to the Labour Exchange very often.

"Jim's been up against it and no mistake," he said. "You can take that from me. But Jim can take it all right. You'd never think of all he's been through to look at him now, would you. Doesn't look a day over twenty-five."

"Maybe it's not left any mark on him because he never talks about it," suggested the cook. And they just left it there. But they liked to listen to Jim talk, which he used to do pretty nearly all the time between watches. He could argue with any man on board, and he loved to do it, whether they were discussing the price of herring, or what Rumania was going to do next.

And at the back a great big sailor grinned slowly with a touch

revert to proper income tax.

Actually, there seems no such choice. The third course is the only one offering reasonable guarantees against further discriminatory treatment. And as practical experience of the modified taxes has destroyed some of the main arguments against the wider and fairer measure, the issue can be revived without any show of reluctance.

The Soul Of Britain:-- Shipmates

of pride, as though to say "Isn't Jim a wonderful fellow now?" And this man was Jim's best friend.

Now the thing that his shipmates could least understand about Jim was why he ever picked on Bill.

For Bill was quite the slowest, the most stolid, as he was the best-natured fellow in the ship.

His features used to move gradually into a grin about two minutes after everyone else had seen a joke. He never kept up, of course, with all his friend's talk

By
Beverley Baxter

about Shakespeare and the eels and the rest of it, but he always listened. He would sit proudly, with that great grin on his face, when Jim quoted Rupert Brooke or started to explain the way that wireless began. And somehow Jim never seemed to tire of expounding these things patiently to the friend who could not understand them, or Bill of listening to what he never could possibly follow.

If the great fat fellow looked like being behind at his job, there was Jim at his side to do it for him. And as they rubbed along together smoothly, so that trawler went steadily at her job. And she was lucky, as mine-sweeping trawlers go. Dull work it was, but at any rate they kept afloat and they themselves fairly dry, and they never went very short, and the Comforts Fund seemed to have a soft spot for them, and they forgot that they were risking daily death.

Then the blitzkrieg began, and they were not allowed to forget it any longer. The German was showing his real self. Darting low out of the clouds to spray machine-gun bullets on the decks of lightships, dropping oil on the sea where survivors of bombed ships were swimming so that he could loose an incendiary bomb on top of it, and bombing trawlers with his planes. They read about it all in the newspapers and they heard about it on the wireless, and quite suddenly it happened to them.

Out of the grey North Sea cloud, with a grim staccato whirr darted a German aeroplane. It zoomed straight towards the trawler.

Now Jim had not only read about Romans and Walter Raleigh and eels. He had also taken a course in machine-gunners. The machine-gun was a greater mystery to Bill than all Jim's talk of chariots and eels. He only once tried to handle it, pinched his finger, broke the nail, and grinned slowly. But Jim found the thing fascinating! It was an art, a new learning for that quick brain of his to delve about in.

He had not only got interested in that art. He had mastered it. Calm, because he was confident, he watched the plane come on, the old gay smile on his face, and it seemed as if he was never going to press the trigger. Then quite suddenly he let the German have it. Flames spurted up from the plane, swirled round it, wrapped it up till it came crumbling to the sea. And his friend stood there with the same slow, admiring grin that greeted Jim's remarks about the eels.

"Good work, old boy," he said, only this time he was the first instead of the last of the crew to speak.

"Good work! I'll say it was good work, neatest thing I ever did see," burst out the others; but their voices were drowned by the sudden whirr of more engines out of the sky as two other bombers dived down at the trawler.

This time they caught her; she thrashed, she shivered, listed and began to sink. The crew plunged

over one by one into the sea. But the young gunner stayed behind, firing away till there was nothing for it. Then he kicked his boots off, stripped, poised and dived with amazing grace into that welter of grey water.

Away in the mist where sea and cloud mixed in one shadowy greyness, loomed the form of a ship. Jim knew she was a friendly ship, otherwise she would never be on the high seas at all. But as he beat out towards her she seemed incredibly far away. The rest of them had made her, or they hoped to make her somehow; but the rest of them had not gone through the long strain of fighting two planes with one machine-gun. Jim was exhausted when he started, and it seemed to him that he never was going to be finished with it. The great waves rolled up and they hit him hard under the chin; they poured over him and pounded about him, and battered him and lifted him up like the wicked giants in the fairy tales that he remembered hearing when he was a kid up north, lifted him up and seemed to put him right back where he had started. His teeth were set, but they were chattering, his chin jutting out as it used to do with he gave some provocative piece of information, his arms had lost all feeling as they battled against the water, but his legs went on with a rhythmic steadiness that carried him tirelessly on. He could scarcely get his breath in gasps between the swappings; he was conscious that his heart was beating till it almost burst. The water was running out of his eyes, and somewhere on his nose there was a maddening itch which, because he was swimming hard, he could not spare a hand to rub away.

And then quite suddenly he was alongside the rescue ship. There were friendly voices. For one blissful moment he gave himself up as though he was lying down to sleep. A warm drink was glowing through his body, his mouth relaxed into its old, charming smile. And then suddenly something seemed to smite into his brain with the nightmare insistence of a trouble forgotten.

"Where's Bill?" he asked.

He saw the cook's big, kindly face very near him, and in the blankness of the cook's grey eyes he read the answer. He looked wildly around the ring of faces, and he said again:

"Where's Bill?"

"Bill has not come aboard with the rest," he heard someone say. Quietly he stood up, he walked away from them, and he dived back into the sea.

All over again he wrestled and kicked and struck out at that great pounding wall of waters. His senses were clouded this time, he was hardly conscious of the old pains, he was conscious only of one pain that was biting into his heart, and of one thought that still kept afloat above the confusion in his head, just as his body kept afloat in the heaving vastness of those cold grey waters. He must get back to the trawler. It seemed to go on for ever, that uneven, impossible battle against the sea. But he found himself repeating and repeating over again—"Steady, does it, steady does it!" And because he held to the measured rhythm of his swimming, because he did not spurt or struggle or get himself excited, he came up with the trawler at last.

She was still float there. He never knew just how he got aboard her. He was not thinking of how he got aboard. He was thinking of Bill. He crawled over the deck, no longer conscious that he was cold and tired and anxious. He crawled over the deck, buoyed by one thought only—"Bill, where are you?" He thought that he was shouting, but only a gasp came out, and Bill could not have heard him, even if he had been on deck.

He swam down into the engine room, and then as he was borne in among the machinery, down there, a new warmth suddenly coursed through his body. Badly wounded in the thigh, limp and bleeding a

little, but with his head still above water, propped against the wall, lay Bill. Bill still alive, still conscious even. Just conscious. There was only the beginning of the friendly old grin on his face, as he sank back.

"All right, Bill, old man?"

It was but the beginning of a nod, but Jim did not stop to notice it. He got his taut young arms about the body, he dragged it, carried it, pushed it up the companion way to what was left of the deck. His brain was working clearly now, with all the old alertness that the battle against the sea had not swamped, because even the long waitings and weary trappings to Labour Exchanges never contrived to cloud it. He knew just what to do, and he did it as calmly as though the trawler were not three parts under water. He got Bill's arms folded about his neck, he carried the weight of Bill's body upon his own, and he let himself calmly down into the sea.

"All right, Bill?"

"Yes, Jim, I'm all right."

And they started back again. The waters heaved about Jim like a great grey moving wall that seemed deliberately to bar his way. He dared not think back to the two long journeys, or to reflect how far he had to go. He ought to know that now, but to think of it would have been to despair.

And Jim was not going to despair. His arms seemed to be made of cotton wool, his body was one vast, throbbing ache, his heart was strained till he felt it bound to burst, when the next wave beat upon it. He could not bear that new stabbing at his temples. The weight he carried grew so intolerable at every stroke he pushed forward into the sea. Vaguely he wondered, was Bill still all right? Well, why not ask him? He would, of course he would, in a moment. . . . Jim spat out a mouthful of sea water, and he thought again clearly. Better carry on. Asking's a waste of strength. I'll just go on, and I'll ask him in a minute.

Then, because he could suddenly feel nothing at all, because the whole world about him grew suddenly dark, because the silly little memory of a coloured picture of Lord Roberts on the wall of his mother's house insisted on occurring to him whenever he tried to think at all, he did not ask Bill anything. Yet he felt so friendly now towards big lumbering Bill. He knew, whatever he was doing for Bill, that it was Bill who kept him alive—that if Bill had not been there this time, he would certainly have gone under.

Kindly English hands hauled them aboard the rescue ship. Jim reeled, because all the world seemed to reel about him, but somebody caught him up, and they stretched him on the deck. For a few moments he just lay there, lay there panting like a dog. Then he shook his head vigorously, as if he was trying to shake the gathering mists away from his brain. He sat up with a jerk. In that moment his brain was clear.

"Where's Bill?" he asked.

It's a rough business, this mine-sweeping, where men are used to death and hardened to tragedy, because they simply have to be. And yet every man, aboard that ship, waited for his neighbour to be the first to speak.

"What's the matter with you all?" shouted Jim, roughly, almost angrily. It was the tone of a man who has once known what it is to command. His eye wandered over the deck—wandered over to something shapeless that was lying there, under a tarpaulin. Then he just sat there, blinking at it, and he did not speak—did not mention the burden that he had, after all, borne lifeless through the intolerable agony of that last swim.

Nobody could remember just how long it was before the skipper of the rescue ship was talking.

"Better get below, son, and put some clothes on you," he said.

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FLOTSAM OF WAR IN THE DESERT

(From A Special Correspondent)

TO-DAY I STOOD ON the summit of a barren stony escarpment rising above Sollum and looked into Libya over which the smoke of the battle between the British troops and the desperately resisting Italians blackened the sky. Far below, the shattered town of Sollum, spread out along the edge of the blue bay, was quiet in the cold winter sunlight, and groups of dejected prisoners stood about. I had spent 36 hours travelling here from Mersa Matruh, through country littered with the flotsam of war.

I slept last night in the lines of one of the British infantry battalions which played a big part in the success of the offensive. The Lieutenant-Colonel commanding the battalion is an Englishman who served in the last war as a staff officer with the fourth division of the A.I.F.

His battalion had a stiff fight at Sidi Barrani though they met no opposition when they came to close quarters and charged the Italian positions with fixed bayonets. The company commander told me: "The Italians refused to face cold steel. They rushed out with their hands raised, calling for mercy."

I drove on to Sollum to-day along a narrow coastal plain bordered on each side by low ridges. It was wrapped in the profound hush of death. As we passed through clumps of camel bush, which was the only vegetation we came suddenly on a salt pan where one of the most heroic actions of the offensive was fought. Mute witnesses to it were some British tanks bogged down in the muddy surface of the salt pan. They were all scarred by shells from the Italian battery of field guns on the ridge.

Crew Dead At Posts

The Italian crew of one gun lay dead behind its gun. A young second lieutenant lay behind another gun, and his hand still rested on the breech in a gesture which had been arrested by death.

The pulsing drone of an Italian plane engine sounded overhead and I dived into a hollow in the sand. The menacing sound gradually passed on and died away.

I drove on along the road, and it was an unbelievable sight. Every few hundred yards there were clusters of Italian motor vehicles and unexploded hand grenades were strewn over almost every foot of the road to Sollum.

Threw Down Arms

Abandoned rifles with belts whose pouches were crammed with ammunition lay every few yards where they had been dropped by the Italian troops when they surrendered.

There were few dead soldiers on the road. It was clear that the main body of defenders had thrown down their arms at the first staggering onset.

I am writing this dispatch in the light of a reeking oil lamp which hangs from the ceiling of an ancient Roman tomb. It is typical of many such tombs built by the Romans under the sands of the Western Desert, and consists of two chambers with niched walls in which caskets, holding the remains of dead Romans, have lain for centuries.

ENGINEER GUILTY OF SABOTAGE

POLICE GUARDED THE OLD BAILEY AND THE DOORS WERE LOCKED AND COVERED WITH BROWN PAPER WHEN THE TRIAL OF SAMUEL CHARLES MARTIN, AGED TWENTY-TWO, AN ENGINEER, WAS CONTINUED IN CAMERA. He had pleaded not guilty to three sabotage charges. He was found guilty and bound over under the supervision of a probation officer for two years.

CATHOLICS' PRAISE OF GREECE

"NAZI PHILOSOPHY AND ACTION ARE IRRECONCILABLE WITH CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES."

This statement forms part of a resolution carried by the council of the Catholic Union of Great Britain.

The council placed its view on record, "because of certain assertions of enemy origin that differences between the Holy See and Germany are being smoothed over."

It was emphasised that British Catholics were fighting the battle of Christianity no less than the battle of the Empire.

The council also expressed admiration for the heroic resistance of the Greeks to a wicked and treacherous attack.

NAZI TRIBUTE TO A.A. GUNS

Testimony to the manner in which the British defences hampered night raiders is provided by interviews with German pilots and eye-witness accounts given by

ITALIANS DEFINE 'WAR AIMS'

Italy's aspirations "are by no means invented by Fascism," a brief definition of Italian war aims, the first ever given since Italy's entry into war, asserted.

Stressing that Italians aims were purely economic, a semi-official comment outlined Italian war aims as follows:

"Free entry and exit to the Mediterranean, without having to request Britain's consent;

"Fulfillment of certain Italian aspirations known for over a century, by anyone familiar with Italian history. They were not invented by Fascism, and every Italian schoolboy knows them;

"When these basic 'national aspirations' materialised, Italy's vital space would have to be enlarged, in order that 'proletarian and fascist Italy' should possess the prerequisite conditions of a more developed economic structure to assure her an economic independence and an improvement of her standard of life."

"All these aims explain the Italian people's unflinching determination to fight until final victory is achieved in full cooperation with her German ally." The same quarters declared. — Havas.

"front-line reporters" on the German wireless.

In an interview a Nazi pilot gave a graphic account of how during a night raid on London A.A. shell bursts drew nearer to his machine until finally one of his engines was put out of action.

He had to make for home, and after encounters with British fighters made an emergency landing on the first patch of clear country on the French coast. "Our crew had just time to get out of the plane without injury," he added.

NAZIS' NEW AIR FLEET DOUBTED

THE R.A.F. HAVE whipped Germany's best planes and pilots so far and will continue to whip them—German planes now "on the stocks" which are expected to come into use shortly will prove inferior to our own new types, British designers are convinced.

From the start of the war Germany has produced no new type except the Heinkel 113 fighter. This, judging from its infrequent appearances as escort for raiding bombers, is no better than the older Messerschmidt 109 and 110.

It is known that the Nazis have four, and probably five, new bomber designs under production. One, the Heinkel 119, is not underestimated. It is believed to be an improvement on the Heinkel 111. Germany's "stock" bomber.

But, while all Britain's planes have been successful in the jobs for which they were intended. Goering has had failures. His vaunted Dorniers, including the Flying Pencil branch of the family, failed so badly that they have been withdrawn.

With an eye to our purchases from the United States the Germans have designed a flying fortress. It is being made by the Focke-Wulf factory and is an improved version of the four-

engined Condor, occasionally seen over our coasts.

Easy For Spitfires

"It sounds like the answer to a Spitfire pilot's prayer," was one comment. No details of new British types can yet be revealed.

New planes, with those coming in ever increasing numbers from America, will make the R.A.F. a more terrific striking force than was imagined even a year ago.

While a plane can be mass-produced once it is started, it often takes months to build the first, because special machine tools must be manufactured or adapted.

As Goering's night hawks scatter bombs indiscriminately on Britain, our Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitleys have been systematically seeking out the German machine-tool factories. That's one reason why some of Hitler's much-lauded "future" planes are such a long time in taking the air.

7-HOUR ATTACK ON H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS

A THRILLING ACCOUNT of how the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* successfully fought off determined dive-bombing attacks during Friday's German/Italian attack on a convoy is told by a correspondent who was on board her.

Despite the fact that she was hit by a heavy bomb almost at the beginning, *Illustrious* successfully fought off her attackers for seven hours, during which it is estimated that from 40 to 50 German planes dropped at least 100 1,000-lb. bombs in an attempt to sink her.

BRITISH COURAGE & MORALE

An interesting analysis of the British character is made in the Swedish newspaper "Handelstidning," which says: "The Dictators have underestimated the English nation's courage and morale.

The Englishman values life as long as he enjoys unmolested individual freedom and can move freely among people and say what he likes. Take them away and he has no country any longer.

Life for the Englishman without freedom is not worth a shilling. Death seems for him easier than for others.

If Hitler had spent a month in the East End he would have seen clearly that England's capitulation must be preceded by the destruction of practically all the inhabitants.

The Dictators had made a mistake about the English workman's view of the reasons of the war. The Englishman knows what kind of ideal he fights for because his Parliament and Government have not forbidden him to listen to the foreign radio. Englishmen see in German prohibitions an acknowledgement that their leaders are on errands which cannot stand the light of truth." —British Wireless.

HEALTH MINISTRY ORDER

The Minister of Health has made an order under the Defence Regulations by which Medical examination of any child in certain areas may be ordered if there is reason to suppose such a child is suffering in mind or body as the result of hostile attacks or is in such a state of health as he is likely so to suffer if he or she remains in the area.

If examination shows the child is suffering in the manner specified then the local education authority which is charged with carrying out the Order may require the child to be removed to a safer district.

The Order now made covers Metropolitan Boroughs and Boroughs immediately contiguous to London. — British Wireless.

BRUTAL CHOPPER ATTACK

A brutal attack with a chopper was made on a 37-year-old Chinese early this morning.

The man was found severely wounded by the police at 8.25 a.m. lying on the roadside in a village near the border at Shataukok, New Territories.

Police investigations are proceeding, but no arrests have yet been made. The wounded man has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

BLIND MAN SPOTTER IN LONDON

Keen Hearing A
Sure Guide

By A. Correspondent

I called to see Mr. W. H. Lacey, of Victoria Road, Edmonton, recently. He is an ex-soldier, blinded in the last war, and one of more than 900 craftsmen who, working in their own homes, keep the St. Dunstan's stores in London supplied with their stock-in-trade. Mr. Lacey gave me a description of a blind man's reactions to air-raids.

Anybody less sorry for himself it would be impossible to conceive. Mr. Lacey, who played for Tottenham Hotspur Reserves when he was young, has the footballer's stocky build, and his mind is as firmly knit as his body. He radiates confidence and calm. "The only way the raids get me," he said, "is not being able to spot incendiaries, and not being able to get out and help after it is all over."

A big cinema almost at the bottom of his garden was hit not long ago, so he speaks from experience.

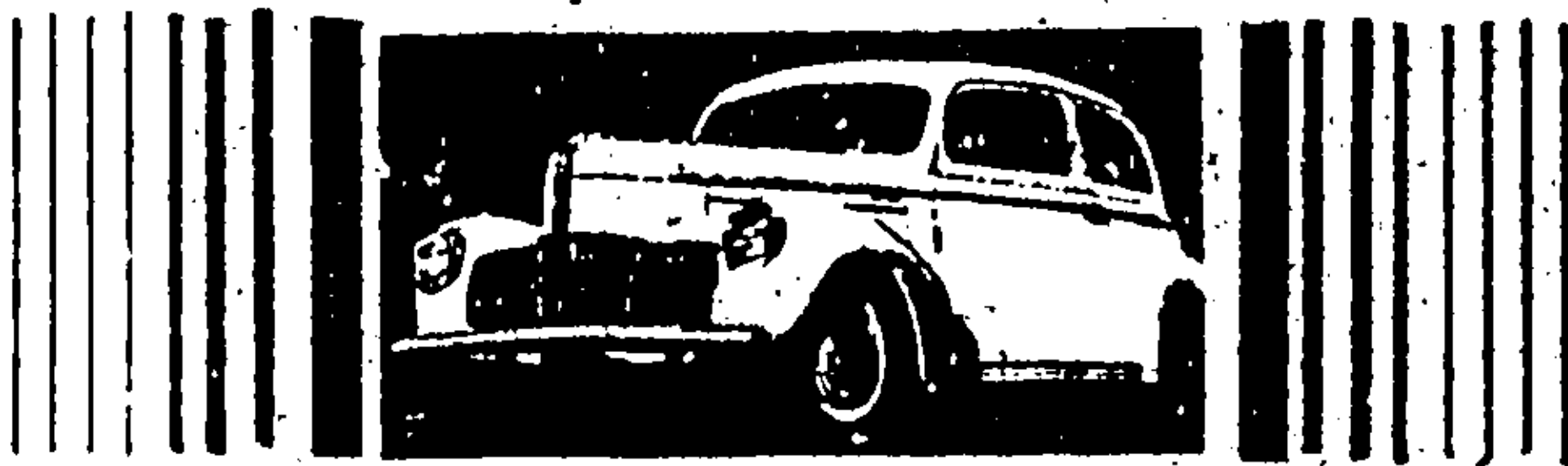
Envy of Spotters

But assuredly Mr. Lacey is at no great disadvantage through his disability. As he was with the anti-aircraft guns in the last war he has a trained ear, which seems to be able to follow aeroplanes about the sky with an ease which most sighted "spotters" might envy. When the family seeks shelter Mr. Lacey is very definitely in charge.

He has a theory that the bombers are getting help from the flashes from the trolley-buses; and he demonstrated, with an expertness very impressive to my unmechanical mind, how these flashes could be eliminated. While he was expounding this, I was struck by his extraordinarily sure sense of direction. Standing at the table in his little workshop, he has all London at his fingers' ends.

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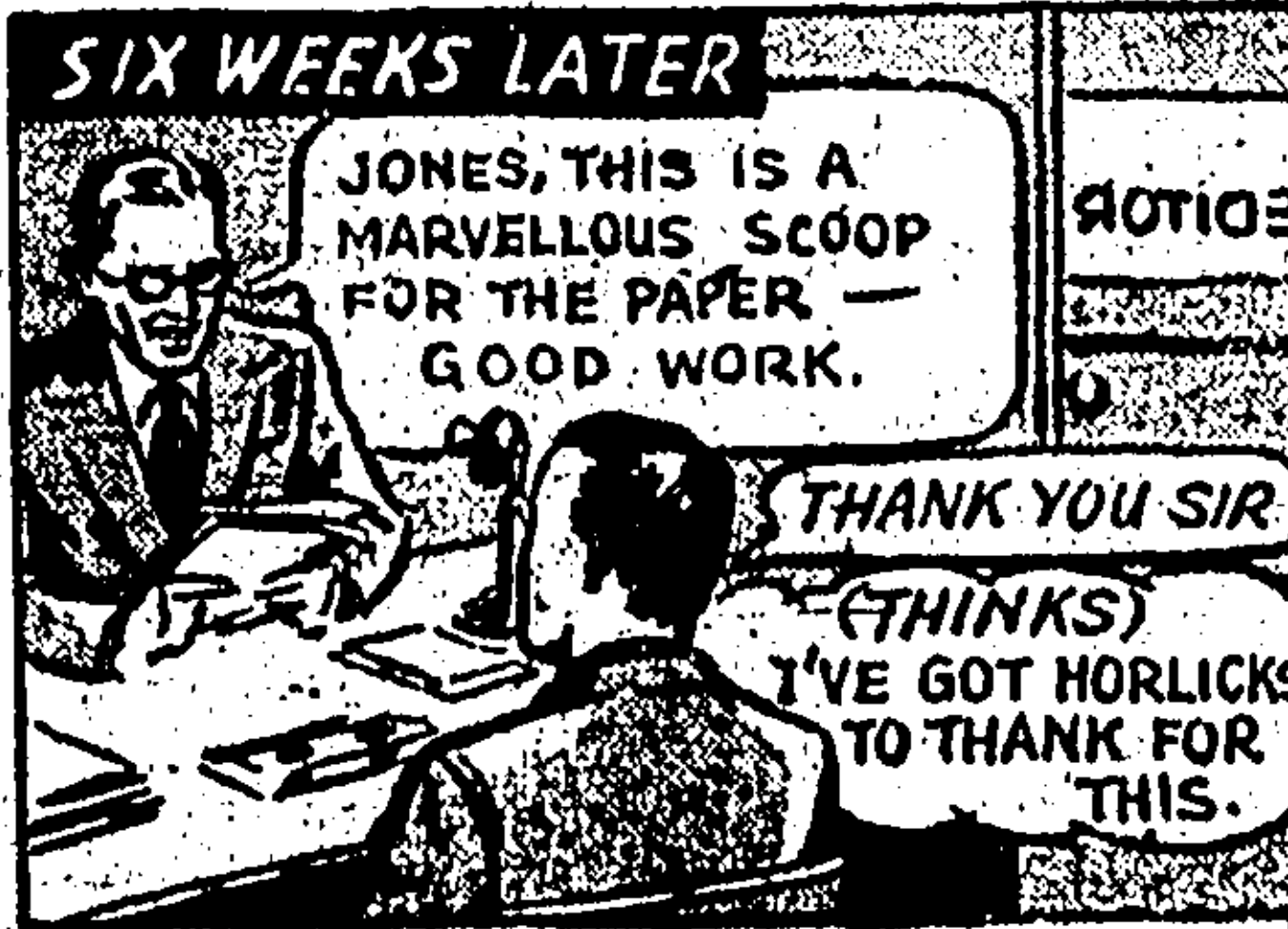
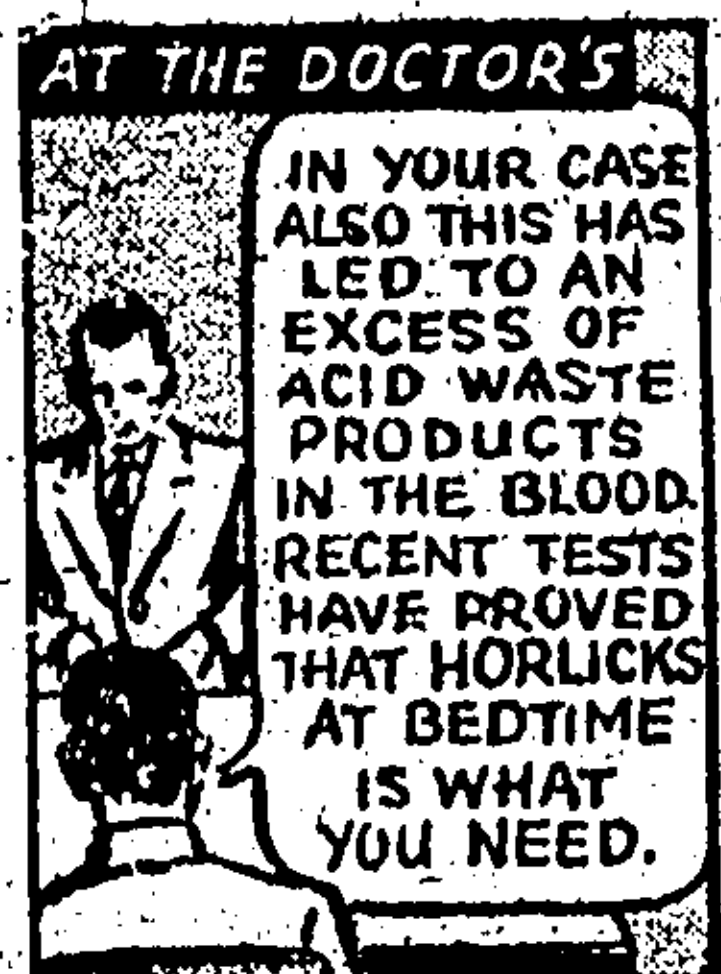
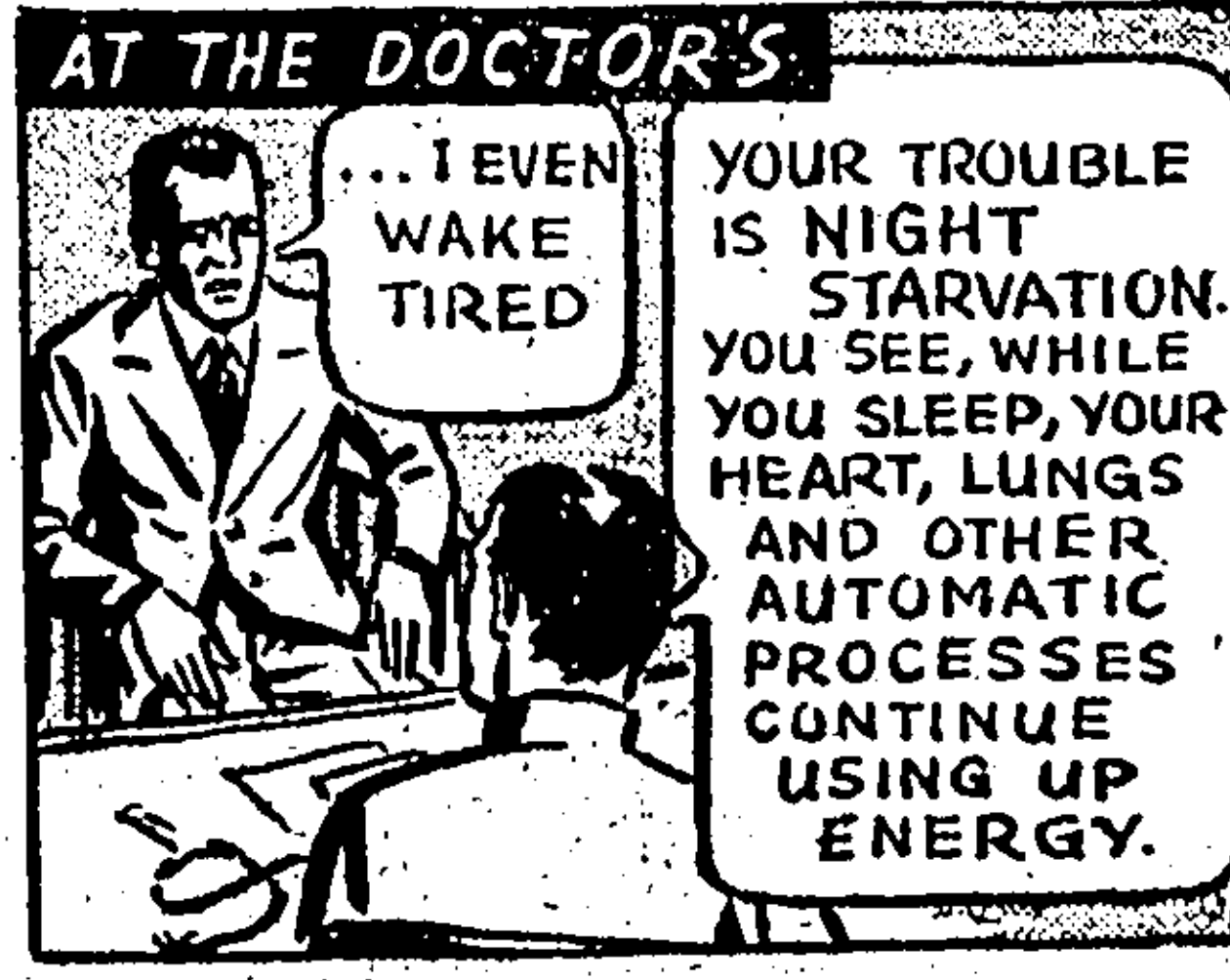
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BRIDGE NOTES

A CHEAP SLAM SUGGESTION
By The Four Aces

You don't really expect a player who passed at his first turn to make a Slam suggestion at his second turn to bid; but that was quite properly done by North in to-day's hand:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ A 9 8 4 3
♥ A
♦ A 3 2
♣ A 7 6 2

♠ 7 2
♥ K Q J 6
♦ K 8 5
♣ Q 10 6

♠ 6
♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ J 10 7
♣ 9 8 4 3

♠ A K J 10 5
♥ 9 8
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ K J

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ 2♥
2♥ Pass 1♠ 1♠
4♠ Pass 6♠ Pass

North did not have enough high-card strength to open the bidding but noted that he held very nearly a "maximum" pass. When South bid one spade, therefore, North decided to take energetic action to show both his excellent fit with spades and his considerable high-card strength. West's overcall of two hearts gave North a perfect opportunity. The control-showing bid of three hearts showed no losers in that suit while at the same time guaranteeing a game and suggesting a Slam.

South temporised by bidding four diamonds; and North then made the fully expected return to four spades. Now South had to make a final decision, and his thoughts ran something like this: "My partner must have the heart Ace together with four or five spades to the Queen—but if that were all, he'd have bid two or three spades instead of three hearts. Therefore he must also have either the King of diamonds or the Ace of clubs."

Since either of those holdings would give him a good play for

M. P. SEES GAOL, ASKS SIR JOHN FOR FAIR PLAY

MR. EMANUEL SHINWELL, M.P., visited aliens interned in Pentonville Gaol—with the result that he intends to see Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, immediately.

He will demand fair play for the internees, many of whom are Dutch seamen whose ships were sunk by the Nazis.

After being in the water for hours, they were rescued—only to be put into Pentonville, where there are 200 criminals.

"The Dutch ask: 'Why are we here? Why can't we join a ship or do a job for Britain?'" Mr. Shinwell told a Political Correspondent.

"The trouble is that Sir John Anderson has too much on his hands. There should be a Minister for Home Affairs and another for Home Security."

"The practice of imprisoning the internees in Pentonville calls for immediate redress."

"Doctors, scientists, and ship-owners now rub shoulders with Chinese seamen and other coloured people."

"There are no facilities for work. From 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. men are in solitary confinement. Smoking is permitted only during exercises."

"I sampled the food and found it good. The warders and officials are humane and capable. I have no complaint against them."

"But this crazy system must be stopped. The internees should be transferred to special camps or allowed to do useful work in this country."

"As it is, every internee in Pentonville is costing the country about £2 a week."

"Mental Agony"

In Parliament Sir Richard Acland (Barnstaple) spoke of the "appalling mental agony" inflicted on interned aliens because they are not allowed to see newspapers.

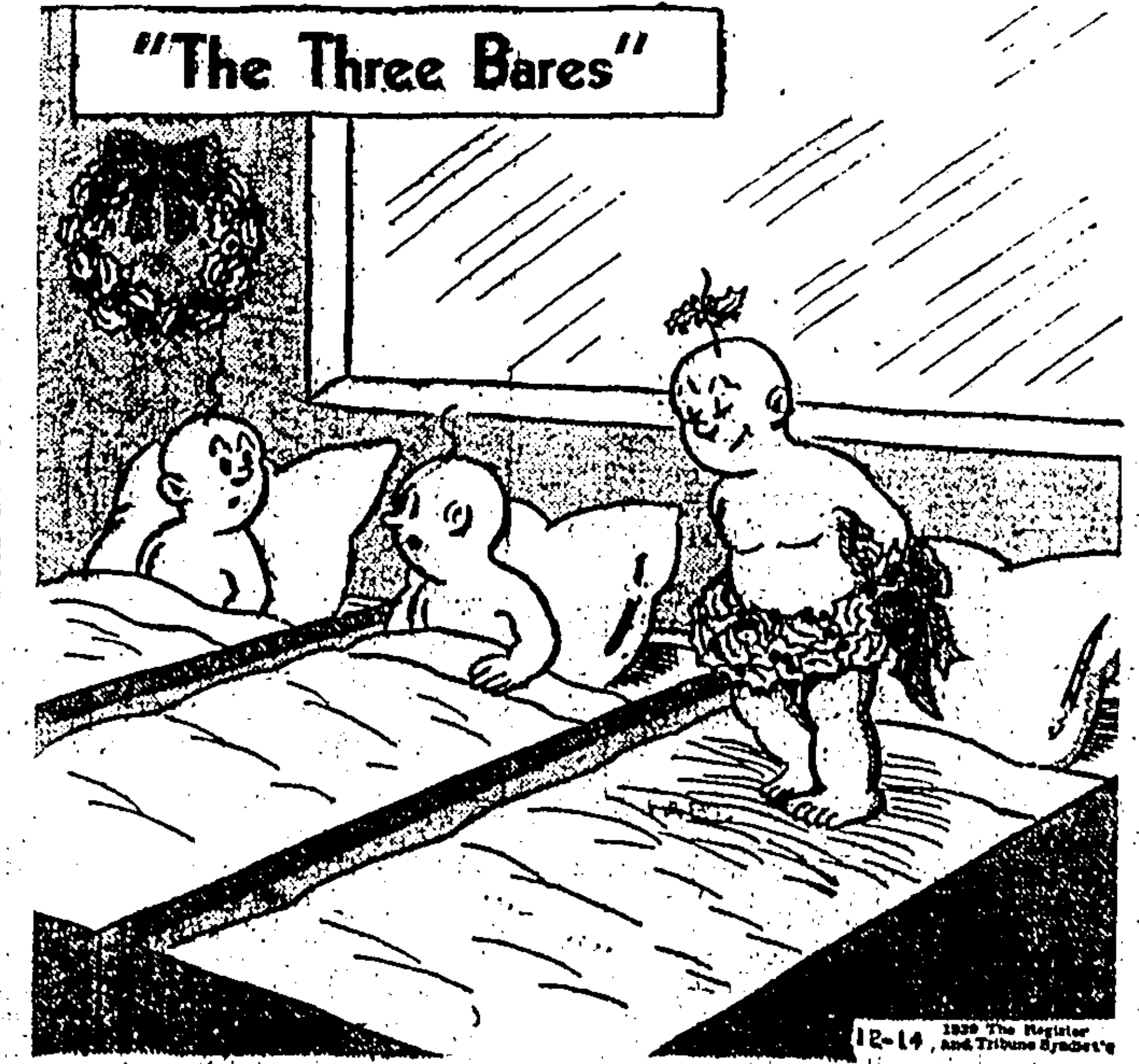
For weeks, he said, they did not know what was happening outside. Who was responsible?

Sir John Anderson promised he would try to put things right in the future.

He announced that an inquiry bureau, where information can be obtained on the whereabouts of internees, would be opened next week.

Sir John said it was true recent events had imposed a heavy strain on the prison organisation, and he was doing everything he could to improve the position.

OFF THE RECORD By ED REED



"I think she carried this Christmas spirit stuff a little too far!"

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H.G. WILL BE NEEDED MORE

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The Guards will be taught modern methods of warfare, Sir Edward added, and will be made familiar with most of the weapons used by the Army in case at any time they have to be mixed with regular units.

Sir Edward suggested that the motto of the Home Guard should be "Old and Bold."

Speaking of equipment Sir Edward said the War Office was doing its utmost to provide every Home Guard with battle dress during the next few weeks.

He announced that as the demand on the output of great-coats for the Army was so great, a trench cape had been devised as an alternative for the Home Guard.

The Guard now had a strength of 1,700,000, said Sir Edward. A large proportion were armed with the appropriate weapons, and this process would be completed in the near future with the assistance of the United States, which was doing its part in this respect splendidly.

Sir Edward said he had been impressed with the organisation of the Home Guard in many threatened parts of the country they had joined with the Army in holding defensive positions.

CARROT-MARMALADE NEW DISH

Marmalade made with a proportion of raw carrots is included in the substitute commodities now appearing on the British market as the result of restricted supplies of oranges.

Because of their natural sweetness, carrots permit the use of less sugar, while the organic flavor is wholly maintained.

Virginian cigarette smokers will also shortly be compelled to smoke substitute brands, consisting of a mixture of Turkish and Oriental tobaccos.

Already smokers are walking from shop to shop, seeking their favourite brands, and forced to accept others because of supply difficulties.

Tobaccoists admit a shortage, due to the air raids reducing factory hours and destroying stocks.

The tobacco controller is considering a proposal to limit some brands of tobaccos and cigarettes to certain areas, thus reducing transport difficulties.

Even London Zoo inmates are feeling the pinch.

Monkeys, which in peace time ignored sandwich offerings and accepted only knobs of sugar, sweets and nuts, to-day eagerly welcome visitors bearing stale bread.

However, food restrictions here do not compare with Italy, where the Government has announced a Christmas surprise decree rationing rice, flour and maize.

WED AT 10, FATHER OF FIVE AT 20

Father of five children before he was twenty years old, and grand-father of nineteen at the age of forty-eight is the extraordinary record of Mr. N. G. Fite of Houston, Texas.

Married when he was ten to a girl aged twelve, Fite, has now at the age of forty-eight sixteen children—ten girls and six boys.

His first wife died when she was twenty. Less than two years later he married again but this union did not last long for his wife obtained a divorce.

Not long after their separation Fite married a third time and this wife is still living.

Nine of the Fite children live in Houston and he says he finds considerable comfort and happiness in having them near. The others are scattered over the country.

"I don't know the ages of all my children—there are too many for that," he said, "I did have a record of their births but my house was robbed a few years ago and it was among the things taken."

Fite has been unusually early in doing another thing—he has already retired from active business, having accumulated enough money during many years as a prosperous merchant in Houston.



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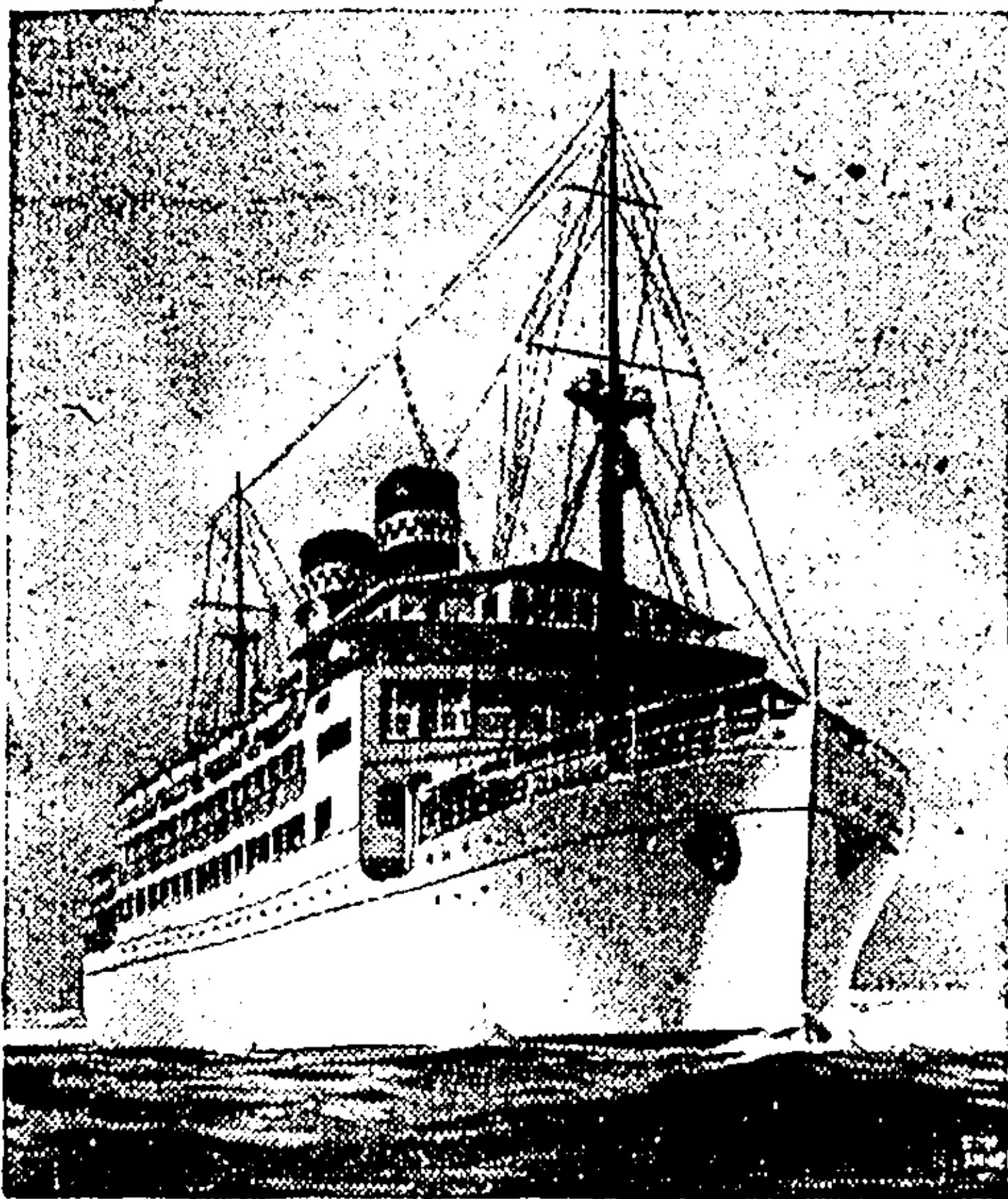
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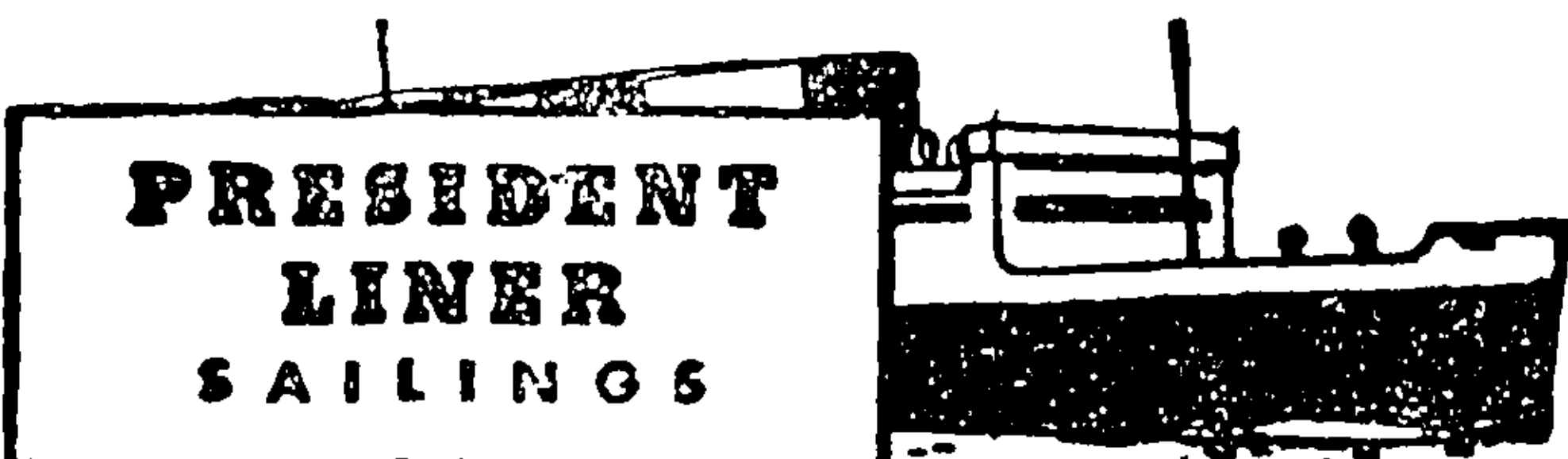
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1.03 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

1.13 p.m.—The Boston Promenade Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—The Hill Billies (Vocal) and the London Piano-Accordion Band.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

1. Concerto in E Minor (Gurevich): 1st Mov: Maestoso; 2nd Mov: Andante Sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Presto.

2. "Hona" Hungarian Czardas (Gurevich).

8.23 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

One Alone (from "The Desert Song"—Romberg).

When You're Away ("The Only Girl"—Herbert).

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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HOCKEY INTERPORT ON

March 2 Date Suggested For Annual Classic

U. S. WOMEN'S GOLF AT LOW STANDARD

WOMEN'S GOLF in the United States is to-day at a lower standard than it was five years ago, because of some of the greatest players becoming professionals, writes J. Ferrier in an Australian daily newspaper.

Helen Hicks, Patty Berg, Helen Dettweiler, and Opal Hill are among the leading players who have deserted amateurism. They all earn more than £1,000 a year, a tremendous lure to girls with the necessary golfing skill. The acquisition of a pleasant career is also attractive to these independently-minded young women.

The present national women's champion is Miss Betty Jameson, a Texas girl, who recently defended successfully the title she won last year. She won this year's championship at the famous Pebble Beach course, California, and a week earlier won the western women's championship. She is a sound player from the tees and fairways, and is a brilliant putter.

Texas has given the United States some of its greatest golfers. Besides Miss Jameson, I can recall Ralph Guldahl, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, and Harry Cooper as products of the "Lone Star State."

Beaten In A Final

The Hardscrabble (Arkansas) amateur championship is termed

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling:-

SATURDAY
Old Course
2.00 p.m. E. G. Price, P. Morrison.
2.08 .. P. S. Cassidy, J. Fleming.
2.20 .. H. A. Mills, A. B. Purves.

SUNDAY
Old Course

9.16 a.m. T. Low, W. W. C. Shewan
9.20 .. A. H. Guinness, H. A. Mills.
9.24 .. L. Jackson, N. D. Lloyd.
9.28 .. S. L. Lloyd, J. E. Richardson.

9.32 .. K. S. Robertson, A. B. Purves.

9.36 .. D. J. Valentine, J. Linaker.

9.40 .. F. A. Redmond, Capt. Thursby.

9.44 .. A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison.

9.48 .. J. B. Harrison, R. H. Chalmers.

9.52 .. J. Harrop, G. Thomson.

9.56 .. H. N. Williamson, G. R. Horridge.

10.00 .. G. M. Park, J. A. Parrish.

10.04 .. R. Young, A. J. Dennis.

10.08 .. J. A. D. Morrison, S. H. Doddwell.

10.12 .. T. A. Pearce, T. J. J. Fenwick.

10.16 .. J. S. Lee, M. G. Carruthers.

10.20 .. J. Stenson, F. A. Howard.

10.24 .. B. O. Baldwin, P. M. Cotton.

10.28 .. D. Humphreys, H. M. Rowland.

10.32 .. W. S. Hillier, W. N. A. Smalley.

10.36 .. W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.

10.40 .. O. E. C. Marton, Col. Rose.

10.44 .. I. H. Geare, F. D. Hunter.

10.48 .. W. Hewitt, D. L. Prophet.

10.52 .. E. A. R. Newton, P. Morrison.

10.56 .. A. Pollard, A. Nicol.

11.00 .. F. N. Merritt, M. F. Starre.

11.04 .. G. G. Alkenhead, A. C. Meredith.

11.08 .. Lieut. Carter, A. M. Kennedy.

11.12 .. Major Penfold, J. K. Bousfield.

New Course

9.24 a.m. T. McGarry, P. V. McLane.

9.32 .. Erig. MacLeod, Brig. Peffer.

9.40 .. Capt. Reidy, Major Temple.

10.12 .. D. L. Newbigging, R. D. Gillespie.

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While there will be no praying that Shanghai has suffered less by evacuation than Hong Kong, it is also a fact that they have lost a great many of their residents of the fair sex, many of them it is fair to assume, hockey players.

In view of this dithering among local lady hockey players as to whether a League should be run or not, therefore, the following extracts from the "North China Daily News" might lend inspiration:

Following a meeting held on Tuesday night by the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association it was decided to continue competition in both the Senior and Junior leagues for another round. Another point brought up was the holding of an International league series later in the season when the league competitions are concluded. It was decided to hold the International series if sufficient support is received from such countries as Portugal, Russia, Great Britain, Palestine and the World, which comprises the principal hockey playing nations this season.

The chief topic of discussion on Tuesday night was the extending of both leagues to a second round. Had the Association decided not to hold another round the A.S.P. "A" would have been the winners of the "A" division, with the J.A.C. the unbeaten victors of the "B" section.

But the title with the decision to play a second round, is now again hanging in the balance, and very much so. Although the A.S.P. emerged victorious in the senior division they found exceedingly strong competition from such teams as the "Greens," the Shanghai Ladies and the In Uno, and it is quite conceivable that the tables might be turned on them in their next meeting.

Betar Ladies Withdraw

The J.A.C., if their convincing victories in the first round can be taken as an indication of form and strength, are almost certain of being able to hold their unbeaten record to win the league. There will be, however, one team less in the "B" division as the Betar eleven are withdrawing from competition as they will not be able to field a full team regularly.

In view of the leagues being extended and the proposed holding of the International series, which will be played on the knock-out plan, it was decided, after some discussion, not to hold the earlier intended knock-out tournament among the various aggregations. The International series will undoubtedly attract greater and keener interest not only from the participants but also from the followers of ladies hockey in Shanghai.

Full Support Hoped For

It was hoped that support will be forthcoming from five nations to form a tournament but should it receive poor response friendly games will be played with whatever International teams will be available. It was proposed to hold

Team To Be Chosen Before Chinese New Year

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH AT VARIOUS TIMES THERE HAVE BEEN MISGIVINGS AS TO THE PRACTICABILITY OF HOLDING A HOCKEY INTERPORT THIS YEAR, A MEETING OF HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HELD YESTERDAY DECIDED THAT MACAO'S INVITATION TO HONG KONG TO SEND A TEAM OVER IN THE NEAR FUTURE BE ACCEPTED.

Hong Kong have been asked to suggest a date and it is understood that March 2 will be submitted for the consideration of the Macao Hockey Club.

The question of service player-making the trip has been gone into and is being further investigated. In view of the fact the local hockey is not dominated by the Services, as has been the case in some previous seasons, however, the problem should not be a particularly big one and it is anticipated that permission will be obtainable for the small number that are likely to be selected.

Trials will be held shortly and it is hoped to select the team before Chinese New Year. The following have been appointed selectors:—Mr. K. Hus-

sain, Lt. J. R. Pirie and Lt. Gunner, and arrangements for the Interport itself will be in the hands of Mr. V. M. Benwell, the Hockey Club captain.

International Tourney

Other business discussed last night included the annual International tournament, which, owing to the large programme still outstanding on the Tournament, will be left over for discussion until after the Interport.

An inquiry was held into the case of Fred Fowler, who was sent off the field during a recent game between C.B.A. and Recife. Fowler was cautioned.

these matches during the Chinese New Year holidays, at the end of this month, and on week-ends when other matches are not scheduled.

The Association suffered badly from lack of competent umpires at the beginning of the season but has since then been able to raise a body of efficient officials who have been instrumental in improving the standard of ladies hockey in Shanghai.

BORING FOR WATER FOR CRICKET GROUND

Efforts are being made to secure water at the Sydney Cricket Ground. An experimental bore has been put down by Mr. J. MacD. Royle, a boring contractor.

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Some months ago Mr. Royle pointed out that sufficient water was available in the Moore Park area to supply the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Moore Park golf course. He will proceed with the work of putting down a bore on the golf course.

Surrounding golf courses and race-courses have secured a supply of water through bores.

CHINESE R.C. MEETING

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold their annual general meeting at the clubhouse, Causeway Bay, on Sunday at 4 p.m. Among the items on the agenda are proposals to increase the entrance fee from \$30 to \$50 and to admit lady members.

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P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	4	1	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	2	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	2	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amphavanar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	6	4	2
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves (Recreio)	6	4	2
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3	2	1
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	6	5	1

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	9	0	9
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	9	2	7
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	6	0	6
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter- Blyth (K.C.C.)	6	0	6
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kow- loon Tong)	12	6	6
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	1	5
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	9	4	5
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	9	4	5
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	9	5	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
V. D. Bright and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kow- loon Tong)	3	1	2

BADMINTON LEAGUE TABLES

"A" DIVISION					Games	
	P. L.	W.	F. A.	Pts.		
University "A"	2	0	2	10	2	4
University "B"	1	0	1	7	2	2
Chinese "Y"	3	2	1	10	17	2
Recreio	2	2	0	3	15	0
"B" DIVISION						
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6
St. John's	3	0	3	21	6	6
K.C.C.	3	0	3	18	9	6
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10	4
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4
V.R.C.	2	2	0	3	15	0
St. Andrew's	3	3	0	9	18	0
Police	3	3	0	6	21	0
J.R.C.	3	3	0	3	24	0

K.C.C. BEAT ST. ANDREW'S

Kowloon Cricket Club beat St. Andrew's by 5 games to 4, in a "B" Division Badminton League match on Wednesday.

Scores:—
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's) lost to A. E. P. Guest and D. Hazell, 16-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, 16-21; beat H. S. Jones and J. L. Anderson, 21-14.
T. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's) beat Guest and Hazell, 21-18; lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth, 10-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-15.
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's) lost to Guest and Hazell, 21-13; lost to Fisher and Wynter-Blyth, 16-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-14.

F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	3	1	2
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	6	4	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	2
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
H. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
J. MacDonald and H. Ding-sdale (Police)	9	8	1

ONE HORSE ONLY UNDER AGA KHAN'S COLOURS

The Aga Khan, for many years owner of the biggest and most successful string of racehorses on the English turf, will next season be represented by only one horse, the three-year-old stayer, Winter Halter, who has three wins to his credit.

There is not a doubt that the Aga Khan intends to mark time on racing until normal conditions return. He is selling or retiring to the stud the remainder of his horses.

He ordinarily maintains at least 40 good-class and in many cases costly thoroughbreds in training at Frank Butler's Newmarket stable. The cutting down is due, he says, to financial obstacles created by currency restrictions.

His two colts, Turkhan, who is by Barham, and Stardust, finished first and second in the Yorkshire St. Leger—a substitute for the Doncaster St. Leger—which closed a difficult, but fairly successful, flat racing season.

The Aga Khan and his young French wife are in Switzerland. He recently complained that he was "broke." He was merely temporarily unable to obtain funds.

POLICE SOCCER XI FOR MACAO

The Hong Kong Police football team is leaving for Macao where they will meet a team from the Police Force in the third annual match.

The team will sail on Sunday morning and return on the following day.

Mr. A. R. S. Major will lead the team while Det. Sgt. N.B. Fraser will be manager.

Members of the side are Manning; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-Yu; Pope, Gough, North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Parker, Ferrier, Moss and Lau Pak-hung.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BIG SCORES BY ROACH AND BORG

By "Strike"

There was a remarkably brilliant performance at Duck Pins by Geo. Roach on January 9, as he played 12 consecutive games, and scored 100, 106, 105, 99, 87, 120, 156, 149, 137, 110, 85 and 144, a total of 1,398 pins or an average of 116.5 pins per game.

His scores in his seventh, eighth and ninth games, which were 156, 149 and 137, a total of 442, or an average of 147.3 pins per game, constitute by far the highest for three games in these Alleys—probably in the whole of the East as well.

His 156 is the highest score for this month.

It is interesting to note that this figure has only been bettered twice before in Hong Kong—by Mrs. E. Soong in March, 1939, with the record, 168, and Corp. H. Blount in October 1940 with 158. A Vasco of Tulsa also scored 157 in December.

Competition Games

The fifth match in the Singles Handicap Competition was played off on January 9, between C. M. Williams and Albert Odell. Williams' handicap was plus 43, and Odell's plus 17.

Williams won by 66 pins including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—C. M. Williams (plus 43) 588, A. Odell (plus 17), 502.

A sixth match was played on the same day, between Corp. H. Blount and M. L. Haymes. Blount's handicap was plus 17 and Haymes' plus 30.

Blount won very comfortably, despite his handicap, by 79 pins, the scores being:—

H. Blount (plus 17) 590, M. F. L. Haymes (plus 30) 511.

It was generally expected that Blount would win as he is probably the best Ten Pin Bowler in the Alleys. He opened with two good scores 222 and 205 in his first two games. In his third he could only manage 163.

Haymes started badly with 121 and 142 but finished up strongly with a brilliant 209.

The seventh match was played on January 10, between S. A. Ismail and G. C. Dudley. Ismail's handicap was plus 26 and Dudley's plus 46.

Despite his heavy handicap Ismail won very easily by no fewer than 132 pins, the scores being, Ismail 501 and Dudley 369.

Ismail, of course, has had far more experience than his opponent but he bowled very consistently, his average working out at exactly 167.

Dudley is a comparative beginner and appears to require practice.

Wathen's Easy Win

The eighth match in the series was played the same day, between Corp. W. Wathen and L/Cpl. J. W. Dove, both of the Royal Corps of Signals. Both players' handicaps were plus 36, so they both started off level. Wathen won very easily by 83 pins, the scores being Wathen 390 and Dove 307.

On January 12 Bdr. Pidgeon and G. D. Woolgar were opposed to each other. Woolgar's handicap was plus 30 and Pidgeon's plus 5.

The scores were, Pidgeon 494 and Woolgar 435, a margin of 59 pins.

It was evident at the outset that the handicap was too severe for Woolgar as both players were very evenly matched, as is illustrated by the fact that Woolgar on a level basis would have won by only one pin.

On Monday L/Cpl. Hall of Royal Corps of Signals met W. Hewitt. Hall's handicap was plus 33 and Hewitt's plus 36 and Hall won by 70 pins—400-330.

It was expected that Hall would win and he did, but his scores could not, by the biggest stretch of imagination, be called good. Hewitt was playing his first match and I think that this was the cause of his lowly effort because he is certainly capable of better things.

On Tuesday A. W. Muenger met C. D. N. Walker. Both players

had handicaps of plus 36 and Muenger won rather easily by 69 pins, the scores being:—Muenger 440 and Walker 371.

Gold Star Beats Tulsa

The U. S. S. Gold Star and Tulsa were in action on Monday in a five-game Ten Pin match. The Gold Star won by 75 pins the scores being:—

Gold Star 2988, Tulsa 2913. Sunbury for Gold Star was top scorer of the match with 806, while Class of the same team was not very far behind with 791.

Borg of Tulsa scored 784, a low score for this player, who lately has been at the top of his form.

Cottle of Gold Star, who occupied the lowest place on the scoring list, is a new player at Ten Pins and I understand he has never played in match games before.

Another Big Score

I commenced these Jottings by referring to the remarkable feat of Roach at Duck Pins. On January 15, however, his 156 was beaten by A. A. Borg of the Tulsa, who made a brilliant 159. This is the record men's score for Duck Pins in these Alleys and with a little more luck he might very easily have beaten Mrs. Soong's 168—the Alley record.

His score-sheet shows that he started off with a 10, then spare, strike, spare, eight, spare, 10, strike, spare, strike.

This is almost as good as a good Ten Pin score, and demonstrates what I have previously pointed out—a player can be a good Ten Pin Bowler as well as a good Duck Pin Bowler. Borg is proficient at both.

ARMY CRICKET TEAM

Following will represent the Army against Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo to-morrow.

Major Grose (Captain), 2nd/Lt. T. A. Pearce, 2nd/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, Lieut. Coombes, Sgt. Webb, Pte Hafield, Capt. Lawrence, Sgt. French, L/Cpl. Logan, L/Cpl. Stonor and L. A. C. Hawkins.

CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong Football Club against Police and Navy in the first and Second Divisions respectively of the Hong Kong Football League to-morrow:

1st XI (Boundary Street.)—Odell; S. H. Strange and J. Sloan; J. Skinner, Upton and H. Millington; F. Fowler, Davies, Reiertsen, Scott and Bickford.

2nd XI (Caroline Hill).—Suter; McEwan and Grattan; Macfarlane, Gilchrist and Carr; Haynes, Poulard, Lodge, A. Odell and Hopkinson.



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By "Squaddy"

THESE are only three members of the Royal Engineers' football team.

Association Football

Second Division of the Football League who have not scored a goal; their goalkeeper and two backs, (Moxham, T. Jones and Tang Chung-pak.)

To give these players an opportunity of scoring, the Sappers intend moving Jones and Tang Chung-pak into the forward-line. The first penalty that is awarded them will be reserved for Moxham, the goalkeeper. What if the penalty is going to decide the match? They will also be weakening their defence, which at the present moment they cannot afford to do although they are five points ahead.

With 11 matches still to be played, anything is liable to happen and the above moves might cost them the League championship.

Royal Scots will play Sing Tao on Sunday at Sookunpoo and they will have to give a much better performance than in their last three or four matches if they want to share, or even take points from Sing Tao who cannot afford to lose at this time, when they are fighting for League Championship honours.

Middlesex will have a hard game on Saturday against Kowloon, who are next to them in the League. The Middies are ahead of all the non-Chinese teams in this League and if they win this match, they will have a good chance of remaining in this position for the rest of the season.

Royal Army Service Corps are playing Middlesex juniors in the Preliminary round of the Junior Shield at Sookunpoo on Saturday. This should be an interesting match to watch as the last time they met, the game ended in a draw, each side scoring two goals after a very exciting match.

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo a trial match for the selection of the Army (British) hockey eleven will take place at 3.15 p.m. and the following have been selected to take part.

WHITE—L/Cpl. Windfield (Mx.); Sgt. Groston (R.E.) and Bdr. Anderson (R.A.); Cpl. Aisey (R. Scots); Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Capt. Skipwith (R.A.); S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.); Spr. Shaw (R.E.); Cpl. Hitchcock (R. Scots); Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) and 2/Lt. Clague (R.A.).

COLOURS—L/Cpl. Dove (Signals); Cpl. Painting (Mx.) and Cpl. Neve (R. Scots); L/Sgt. Waldron (Mx.); W.O.1 Ashmore (A.E.C.) and Bandmaster Jordan (R. Scots); Capt. Patterson (R. Scots); Pte. Sheehan (Mx.); L/C. Bright (Mx.); Gnr. Marshall (R.A.) and Capt. Douglass (R. Scots).

RESERVES—Sgt. Homberg (R.E.); Bdr. Barracough (R.A.) and L/Cpl. Govier (R.A.M.C.).

There are one or two noted players not included in this trial, but it is possible that the selection committee consider them good enough without further trial.

Among these players are Stickley of the Middlesex, who has represented the Army for the last three years in Hong Kong and has also been capped for the Colony; Sgt. Homberg, who is down as a reserve, is a good player with good ball control; and Sgt. Crowley, another Middlesex player, has played for the Army during the past three years and is an excellent centre-half.

ON Monday evening at the Soldiers' Club, Royal Army Medical Corps retained the Garrison Billiards Challenge Cup for the third year in succession, defeating the Corps of Military Police in the final by 785

points to 643. S/Sgt. Terrian made the highest break of 30, he also made other breaks of 20 and 28, against L/Cpl. Clift, who only scored 72.

Sgt. Whitton defeated Lieut. Dixon by 20 points after both took it in turns to be in the lead. L/Cpl. Thomson also did well against Cpl. Harvey, who is the Medical Corps' best player, scoring 114 with a break of 22. Harvey made breaks of 24 and 22.

Remaining games were played between Sgt. Wyre, who lost to L/Cpl. Willis by 95 points, Pte. Howe, R.A.M.C., who defeated Capt. Hyde by 90 points, and Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., who defeated L/Cpl. Tegarty by 57 points.

On Tuesday evening the R.K.V.D. Corps won the Soldiers'

Club Tournament by defeating the Signals by 1,600 points to 798. This is the second time in the last three years that the Volunteers have won this trophy, and the tenth time since the competition was started in 1907. The best break of the evening was made by Hickman, with a good 55. Pereira made breaks of 27, 26, 20, and 36, and Baptista made three breaks of over 20. Hickman easily beat his opponent, who only scored 46 against his 200. Hutchinson and Lilley of the Signals were the only members of the losers to score over 100.

Cpl. Harvey of the Medical Corps won the Amateur Snooker Championship for the second time in succession when he defeated Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C., by four frames to two on Wednesday at the Soldiers' Club. Harvey won the first frame by four points, Lt. Dixon the second by 24 points, and the third by 46. It looked as if Dixon would emerge winner at this period but Harvey rallied and won the remaining three frames easily. Harvey 59—Lt. Dixon 46; Harvey 90—Lt. Dixon 23; and Harvey 66—Lt. Dixon 23.

To-night the Volunteers are playing the Medicals in a billiards Match in aid of the B.W.O.F. commencing at 6 p.m.

Owing to the Military exercises this week the Garrison Billiards League has not been completed and the following is the League table to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	18	18	0	0	103
R. Scots	18	14	2	0	87
R.A.S.C.	17	13	4	0	78
C.M. Police	16	8	8	0	59
R. Engineers	17	5	12	0	51
Signals	16	5	11	0	42
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	16	6	10	0	38
R.A.P.C.	16	3	12	0	33
R.A.O.C.	16	4	12	0	33
12th Hvy. Regt. R.A.	11	3	8	0	20

THE Large Units' Rugby league is due to start soon and some good games should be witnessed, especially between the Combined Small Units, Royal Scots, and Combined Royal Artillery, who are the three strongest teams in this League.



The Combined Small Units team is mostly drawn from the Medical Corps. Lieut. Coombes is one of the Army's most dangerous three-quarters or halves and is sure of his place.

Capt. Scriven is a fine scrum-half and will most probably captain the Small Units' fifteen.

Pte. Macdonald is another player who this year has improved considerably; he has taken the place of L/Bdr. Marsh in the Army team at right wing three-quarter.

Royal Scots have several Army players, including 2/Lieut. Millar, Pinkerton, and Ford, of the Army pack.

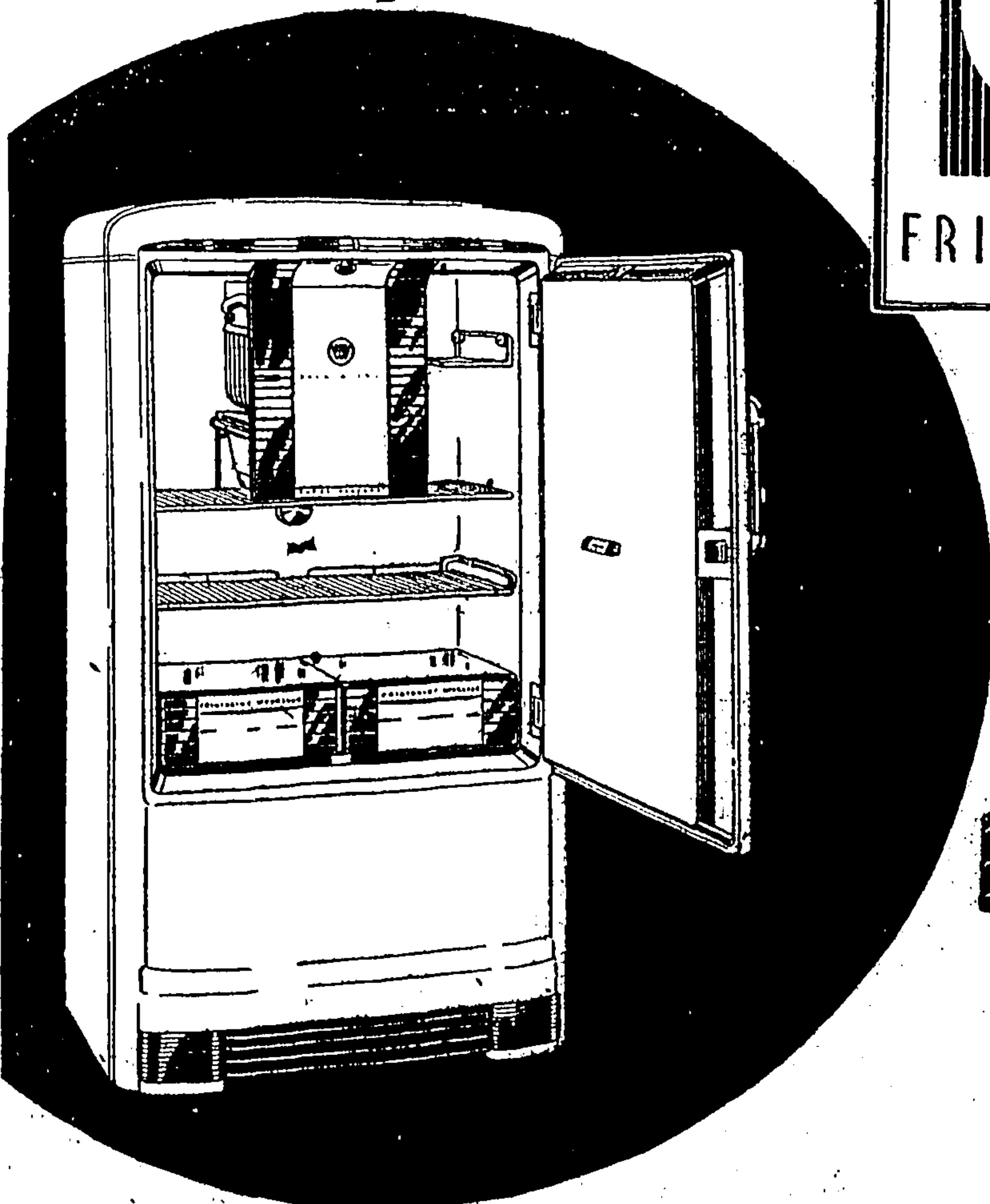
Cpl. Sutherland, and Cmt. Douglass, the Army centre-three-quarter, is playing at fly-half for the Scots and the remainder of the Royal Scots' fifteen consist of their 'A' and 'B' team players.

The Combined Royal Artillery have a number of selections and should be able to produce a strong team. They have a few outstanding players in Lieut. Clague, the former Army full-back, who is certain to fill this position for the Gunners.

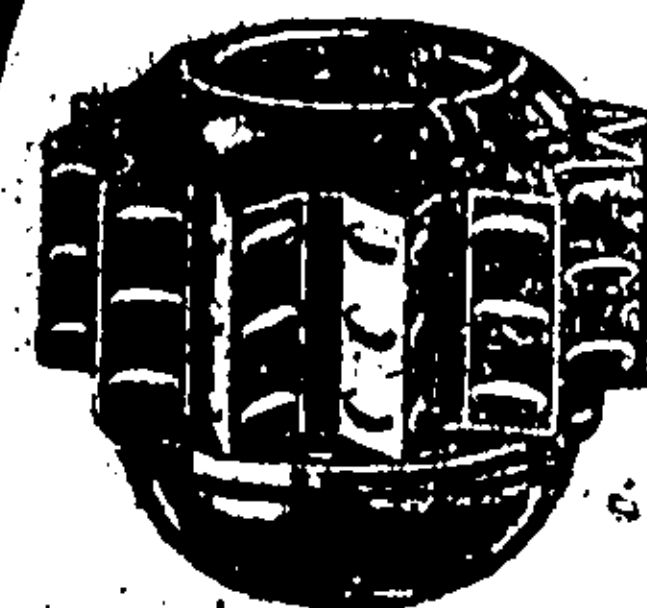
Capt. P. J. Skipwith, who has recently recovered from a leg injury, 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, L/Sgt. Marsh, and Bdr. Richards, will in all probability form the three-quarters line.

Among their forwards the Gunners have good, speedy players in 2/Lieut. Bompas, 2/Lt. Eddison, who will be hooker, and L/Bdr. Turner, who is a fine wing-forward.

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MIDDLE EAST RAIDS

30 Enemy Aircraft Left Burned Out On Ground

WRITING ON THE WALL

Hitler will be broken against the iron will of the British people," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking at Glasgow yesterday.

Britain will not be his next victim, he said, "but one country which is in real peril of complete Nazi domination is Italy, brought to the edge of destruction by the infatuated ambition of Mussolini."

The Abyssinians were now in arms and he hoped there would not be a long wait before they regain their independence.

"Fascism is doomed and friends of Italy must hope that the strong Italian forces will break the grip of the Fascist bosses before they drag Italy down with them into German slavery."

Formidable Enemy

Uttering a word of caution over the victorious achievements in Libya, Sir Archibald said that behind the defeated armies of Italy loomed the huge armies of Germany—there was a most formidable enemy.

"Something else has happened too," he added. "The great Republic of the United States has taken its stand for freedom against Nazism. If Hitler and his German dunes dare raise their eyes they will see the writing upon the wall of Congress—the Aid to Britain Bill."—Reuter.

Fascism Doomed

Sir Archibald said the Italian official wireless boasted on Decem-

HEAVY RAID BY R.A.F. ON BENGHAZI

BETWEEN THIRTY and forty German and Italian aircraft were burned out or severely damaged during the R.A.F.'s initial raid on Catania airport in Sicily on Sunday night, it is now revealed.

Italy's principal Libyan port, Benghazi, was heavily raided both on Monday and Tuesday nights.

These disclosures are made in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night. Describing the Benghazi raids, the communique says that the main mole of the harbour was heavily bombed and large fires were caused among the buildings around the Customs House.

A heavy explosion occurred at the base of the Mole. Other bombers hit buildings on the quayside and straddled the Government buildings. Shipping was also attacked.

On their return journey, the R.A.F. raiders machine-gunned Benina aerodrome and two enemy aircraft were set on fire and damage was caused to a number of others.

No Opposition

In the forward area (of the British advance into Libya) between Tobruk and Derna, our fighters maintained constant patrol but no engagements with the enemy took place.

Photographic reconnaissance over Catania (Sicily) showed that the raid carried out on Sunday night was more effective than was first thought. Between thirty and forty aircraft could be seen, either burned out or severely damaged. One hangar was completely wrecked, another was very badly damaged and a third had been hit.

Administrative buildings at the air base had been heavily damaged and bomb craters were observed on the aerodrome.

The communique also records that raids were made in Italian East Africa against stores at Assab on Tuesday night and against Asmara the previous night, and reports that from all the operations, all but one fighter, shot down in Libya, returned safely. — Reuter.

WILHELMSHAVEN BASE LEFT WASTE OF FLAMES

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and a large proportion of the military objectives of Wilhelmshaven lay within the area.

At times the sleeping flames and black smoke above them obscured all detail but at intervals some signal instance of disaster prevailed above the general conflagration.

A minute after one pilot had seen his high explosive bombs burst there was an astonishing disturbance among the flames and debris was thrown by the explosion a thousand feet into the air. Three minutes later the same thing happened again.

The skeleton of a burnt-out building made a black silhouette in the midst of half a square mile of fire west of Bauhaven. By the power station to the north of the harbour the flames burnt even more fiercely than elsewhere.

Bright Moon

As the British aircraft left all such details were swiftly lost to sight but the blaze remained to light the sky behind them for 130 miles on the homeward journey.

This first attack of the night lasted from eight until soon after midnight. A second attack was made between five and six in the morning and pilots over at this hour saw the area still encircled by wide ramparts of fire.

Though the moon was still shining brightly the smoke of these fires hid part of the town but pilots had no real difficulty in finding their way to the naval dockyards and their attack was

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as successful within its limits as the previous large scale raid.

Last Message

The weather favoured both attacks and throughout the night visibility was excellent.

One pilot had the unpleasant experience of being held four times by searchlights while A.A. guns blazed away at him.

From an aircraft which is missing there came a last message home to say its mission had been completed.—British Wireless.

NAVAL PROGRAMME APPROVED

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday unanimously approved the request of the authorities for \$909,000,000 to spend on 400 relatively small new ships mainly submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo-boats.—Reuter.

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Rugger At Sookunpoo



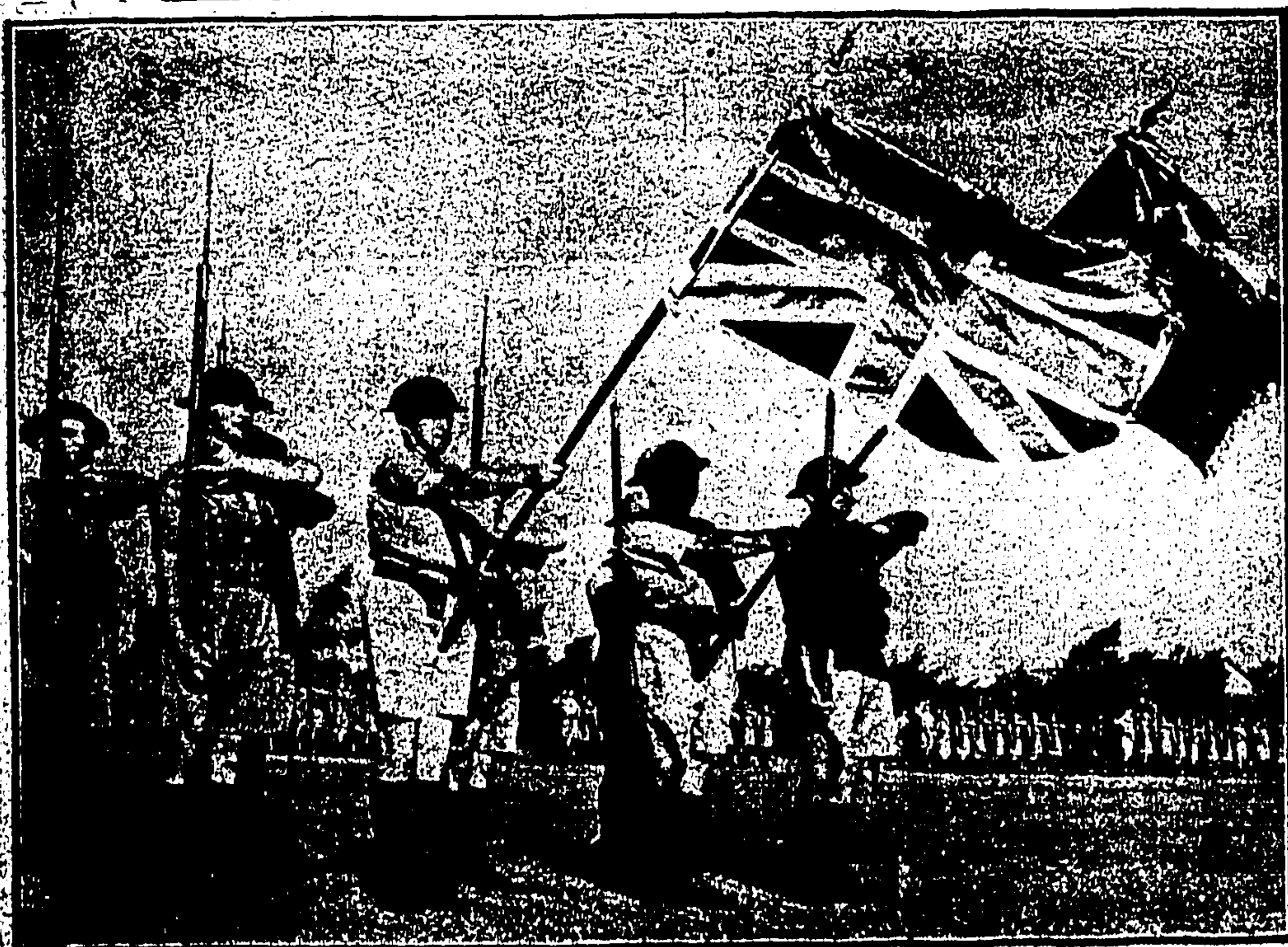
Breaking loose from a scrum in the Gunners' Rugby trial.



Another incident in the Gunners' Rugby trial.



A trial match was played at Sookunpoo on Saturday in order to select the Gunner team for the Army Large Units' League. Forwards jumping for the ball in a line-out.



The Free French Legion of the Orient now serve beneath two flags. The Free French banner and the Union Jack were presented to the men during a ceremony at Ismailiah. High British and French officers, and the British Ambassador Sir Miles Lampson, were present at the ceremony. Well-drilled Legions of men shoulder arms and salute in background as the standard-bearers raise the flags. (Copyright, Fox).



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SHORT STORY

Love's Sweet Song By Mark Hellinger

SHE had a mouthful of hairpins, and her hands made exquisite doll-like motions on top of her head. Meanwhile, she kept reading and re-reading the little telegram that stood against the vanity mirror.

"I love you. Stop. Arrive three-forty-two. Union Station. Stop. I love you. Stop. Be there on time or I'll break your lovely neck. Stop. I love you. Bob."

When she was ready she folded the telegram carefully and put it in her purse. Then she gave herself a final critical glance, and stepped out of the apartment.

It was exactly three o'clock, and the station was only five blocks away. So she walked it. Her pretty little brain was full of the romance of this situation. For breathes there a woman with soul so dead who never to herself has said:

"Gee, he sure is nuts about me!"

She and Bob had been in love for a long time. Bob was a tremendous chap, with wavy hair and very blue eyes. He was impetuous. He wanted to do great things—and he was willing to devote at least ninety days to the job.

He wanted to marry her. Now this instant. He wanted to stand in the centre of Times Square and kiss her. He was that crazy a guy.

But Marion wasn't that daffy. Two years before, when he had an offer to work in an Oklahoma oil-field she had told him to go. Go, Bob. Concentrate on work. Try it for two years. And after that, if you still want me, I'll marry you. Because, darling, I love you.

Bob didn't like it. He wanted to marry first, and then go to the oil wells. But Marion won. And she had stood in this very station two years ago, sobbing bitterly as his train pulled out. She was sure he'd forget her; sure that he'd never come back. But she was wrong. Dead wrong. Bob not only remembered, but his love flourished with absence. It grew until time staggered and he despaired of living through the two long years.

And now he was coming home. This crazy, wonderful kid who had never stopped loving her for an instant.

Marion sat down in the waiting-room and opened a magazine. Her eyes skimmed over the pages and the advertisements and the story illustrations. But her mind saw

none of the things her eyes reflected. Her mind was on Bob.

She looked around. An old man sat next to her. He needed a shave and his whiskers were coming out very grey. He slept. His pince-nez had fallen to his vest, but his hands still held the paper firmly. Another old man sat farther down, meticulously cleaning his finger-nails with a small file and wiping the cleanings on his coat sleeve.

Across the way a woman with a red hand was trying to get a little boy to spit out a penny he had in his mouth. He kept shaking his head. A young fellow with a nice profile was pencilling a time-table. After a moment he walked out. Towards the street.

Marion saw all these things rather vaguely, and then went back to her magazine. She was flipping through the pages once again—pages that couldn't hold her interest—when she suddenly felt what is known as a presence. She looked up, and out of her came a little, high-pitched squeal.

She jumped to her feet, and the big oaf in front of her picked her up and whirled her in a circle.

"Darling!" he cried. "Oh, Marion, my darling!"

The old man who had been sleeping came to suddenly and dropped his paper. The big chap pressed Marion to him. Then he set her down carefully, as you would a thin china teacup.

"You look wonderful," he exclaimed. "Beautiful!"

"Just a minute," Marion shouted. "It's my turn to look at you." He stepped back stiffly, chin up. She placed her fingers beside her cheek and studied him in mock seriousness. Then she grinned.

"You'll do," she laughed.

He scowled heavily.

"I'd better," he returned, in a deep voice. "I've been waiting for you for a long time, and I'm a very dangerous man to put off." He leaned down and kissed her briefly. "As a matter of fact, I feel a rampage coming on right now."

"Grrrrr!" He bared his teeth. "Look out for me, young lady. Grrrrr! I'm the wildest man you ever knew!"

The only people who did stop to watch them were the people who were rushing for trains. One skinny woman looked at them for a moment and then turned up her nose. "Huh," she said. "Exhibitionists!"

But they didn't care. They talked in circles, asking each other about whozis and whatzis. And between their questions and answers there was very little of a sensible relationship.

"Listen," he suggested, "how about grabbing something to eat while we talk?" He stretched his arms. "How would you like a steak this big? I used to know the finest place you—"

His voice trailed as Marion pouted.

"I'm disappointed in you," she said. "How can you think of food at a time like this?"

He stepped back.

"Me?" he said. "Why, darling, I'm not even dreaming of eating."

I just wanted to make sure that you weren't hungry. That's all."

He looked at his watch.

"Say," he cried, as though he just made a sensational discovery. "I've been standing here four minutes—and I've only kissed you once!"

She tried to push him away, but he kissed her several times.

"Let's find a quiet spot," he said seriously. "Some out-of-the-way place where we can sit for hours and talk. I've got so much to tell you. And beside, I want to look at you alone." He waved airily at the station. "Without all these yaps sharing the look."

She shook her head. "Let's sit here," she suggested.

"Oh, no," he said. "You've put me off before, Marion. But not this time. Long time no see, my darling. So now we go somewhere."

He tried to take her arm.

"No, please," she said seriously. "I'm sorry, but I can't. I'd like to. But I really can't."

He frowned.

"Give me one good reason," he demanded.

She shrugged. "I'd really like to, Jog," she said honestly, "but it just can't be done. I'm waiting here to meet an old boy friend, named Bob—and then I have to hurry, right home and cook my husband's dinner."

This Misery Of Dust

Bombing brings us back to many primitive things, of which dust is not the least, a minor horror of war, but none the less disgusting. It is, in normal times, surprising that there should be so much dust in the world; a room is cleaned, the windows are shut, not a breath stirring, and yet, in a few hours, the sheet that was dustless is dusty again. Housework is a series of repetitions. Whatever is done has soon to be done again, but at least in the case of cups and plates we know who and what have made them dirty. But in the case of the dusty bookshelf the dirt is simply a mystery, and a mystery which magically defies all the laws of nature. Dust arrives without a cause; gaze at a shaft of sunlight and you see that it has discovered, with its endless flutterings, the secret of perpetual motion. Dust adores a vacuum, and though harassed by a vacuum cleaner it is certainly not exterminated by that assiduous persecutor of unnecessary matter.

If such be the quantity and pertinacity of dust in ordinary circumstances, it is only to be expected that abnormal percussions and explosions will provide a dust-storm of immeasurable size and unquenchable ferocity. All premises adjacent to a bomb-fall are immediately submerged in a Sahara of powdery grit. I am myself now writing with all my books and properties carrying an inch or two of this odious deposit, and were I to consult an oracle or seek a quotation I might as well

send out for the effects and equipment of an African explorer or Mesopotamian guide. It is fashionable now to talk of bombed areas being "plastered"; sitting among collapsed ceilings, with their raw material lying about in tumbled plenty, one appreciates to the full the meaning of that word.

This form of disaster is especially objectionable to the British because we are more accustomed to the curse of wetness and of slime than to the plague of drought and dust. If we were not so used to mist and mud, perhaps this nuisance would be less of an irritation to the throat as well as to the temper. To put up with dust-storms with equanimity one has to be a Dry Bob from birth; but we are not Bedouins and do not regard a patch of trees and a spring of water as a rare gift of the gods, precious beyond rubies and to be treasured as the scanty source of life itself. If we were it would not seem so strange or so unpleasant to recover one's property from beneath the sands of the desert. But chance has made us Wet Bobs whose notion of life, at least in winter, is expressed in terms of mudguards, Wellington boots, and foot-scrappers at the front door.

By Ivor Brown

The conquest of dust in this country appeared to be completed by the metalled roads of the motorist. During the early years of automobilism the driver prepared to be "plastered" by equipping himself with a peaked cap and special spectacles, while his ladies did actually veil themselves, as though for an Arabian excursion and a ride on camelback across the burning sands. The unfortunate cyclists and pedestrians who were passed by the Panhard or Daimler of those days were engulfed in a tornado of powdered elements of road surface, and what they suffered then one occasionally rediscovers in some foreign country now—or after bombing.

When we are struggling through mud we think of it as the foulest of our pests, but at least the stuff is limited to one level. It does not gather in clouds, fly up, then settle again. It does not clog the breathing tubes as well as trap the feet; it may splash into the eye, but it does not continually invade it. Ask the inhabitants of our low-lying areas—say, for example, the coast of the Fylde, on a windy day—whether they would rather live among ditches or dunes, moorland or the dry wastes of the heathland, and they would probably vote for the damp alternative.

We use the word "mud" as a term of abuse, but out of mud came civilisation. It was in the flood land of the Nile, where barren sand is periodically turned to fertile earth, that the secret of

agriculture was revealed by some person of genius who saw that what Nature did with the wild corn man might also copy with the tame. So the vagrant, food-gathering life of the desert nomad was exchanged for the static, food-growing life of the new-made farmer and citizen. Egypt, where civilisation arose and whence it began to flow, came to its birth among the sand whose amazingly dry air has preserved so many of its marvels for us to excavate and admire unspoiled. But the dry sand only preserved what the wet mud made. Egypt did not, in fact, arise from the desert, where its Sphinx and Pyramids are laid; it was the child of the river. Nefertiti, exquisite relic and symbol of that young civilisation's quick grace, sprang far more surely from the Nile than did Venus from the sea. When one thinks of that amazing dawn of the human spirit it is strange to reflect that its name, as they say, is Mud.

The floor and the slime which it left for the receipt of seed were not a plague, but a yearly blessing. Moreover, we still use the word created to describe a lonely well with trees around it as the abiding symbol of beatitude and consolation. Egypt, through its recurring gift of water, became an oasis in the barren world, just as the occasional spring was an oasis in the desert. So there may be an ancestral instinct in man's constant use of dust as the symbol of the great enemy, of death, of decay, and of the ruin of all richness and all beauty.

Man has fought his watery way out of the torrid waste of sands which surrounded and obstructed his first efforts to grow up. Today, in the warring Middle East, dust is more than ever the foe and water more than ever the goal and the companion. "Dust and ashes, dead and done for," cried the bard of old, and dust (with or without ashes) is more likely in the end to destroy an army than that mud which has been the terror of the fighter in Europe. We in the North think of water as the element which chiefly prevents invasions, and checks the would-be conqueror. But the greater scourge of the adventurous has often been the dry land, not the wet. As many have been checked by earth's lack of water as by water's lack of land. The primal curse of man was supposed to be a Deluge, but was, much more probably, dust. And to dust, in more senses than one, does this modern bombing lead us back.

It is all the more odd then that dust should also have become a symbol of inconstancy. "Characters writ in dust" and "letters traced on sand" are frequently made the types of the fleeting faith and of the idle, unregarded word. Yet, as the bombed-out soon discover, there is nothing more enduring and hard to shake off than a good heavy shower of this same article. That is what every woman, or at least every housemaid, has always known.



AMONG THE CLOUDS—The excitement of air combat is at its height as a new world of astonishing beauty, formations above the lower cloud layers patrol in an aerial war, at a height of more than six miles. (Copyright Fox)

Will Sea Power Win?

As a result of a determined and highly successful attack which reflects the greatest honour on the fleet air arm, only three of the Italian battleships now remain effective. This result, while affecting decisively the balance of naval power in the Mediterranean, also carries with it reactions upon the naval situation in every quarter of the globe.—From Prime Minister Winston Churchill's report to the House of Commons, Nov. 13, 1940, concerning the British attack on the Italian naval base at Taranto.

WHEN Adolf Hitler said on the first anniversary of the war, "They are very inquisitive in England and ask: 'Why doesn't he come?' Calm yourself; we will come," the walls of the Berlin Sportpalast were simply re-echoing the wish voiced by Napoleon 135 years ago.

With 130,000 soldiers massed about Boulogne ready to invade England, the French Emperor declared: "Let us be masters of the Straits for six hours and we shall be masters of the world."

Naval weapons have changed since Trafalgar, but naval principles remain much the same. History supposedly teaches that whoever rules the waves rules the world. This aphorism was firmly rooted during the closing years of the nineteenth century in the writings of an American naval officer named Alfred Thayer Mahan. He was the author of several weighty works on the influence of sea power upon history, each of which packed the intellectual displacement of a dreadnought.

Mahan was a scholarly appearing man whose softness of speech and manner made him seem more at home in the New York Public Library, where he gathered material for his first book, than on the windy quarterdeck of the old cruiser Chicago which was his last sea command.

The first book, "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660-1783", made a profound impact on the minds of statesmen and world military figures of his day. Cambridge and Oxford awarded Mahan honorary degrees. The German Kaiser placed a copy of the book in every wardroom in his fleet. In time, even Americans

came to see some merit in Mahan's works.

The United States Navy Department appointed him to the faculty of its Naval War College — after a long controversy as to whether there should be any war college in which Mahan might teach.

Mahan is credited with having done more than any other individual to bring about the naval building race between Britain and Germany which culminated in 1914. Yet one of the first reactions to Mahan's first book was that it was old stuff. Some people said about everything Mahan touched on could be found in Jomini's "History of the Wars of the French Revolution." This is the way with all prophets.

The author of "The Influence of Sea Power" didn't deny the influence of Jomini on Mahan. Admiral Mahan said at the time his purpose had been to write "a critical military history of the naval past, not a chronicle of naval events."

Mahan's footnotes are replete with Jomini. Here is a significant one from "Influence of Sea Power":

An interesting proof of the weight attributed to the naval power of Great Britain by a great military authority will be found in the opening chapter of Jomini's "History of the Wars of the French Revolution." He lay down, as a fundamental principle of European policy, that an unlimited expansion of naval force should not be permitted to any nation which can be approached by land—a description which can apply only to Great Britain.

This footnote could hardly have escaped the Kaiser's notice. The German salvos which rocked the British Empire at Jutland punctuated the pre-World War policy of Germany not to permit Britain's sovereignty at sea to go unchallenged. The explosion of 1914 found Germany with a powerful fleet in being, and it had completed widening the Kiel Canal shortly before Sarajevo.

Briefly, Mahan's main thesis was that as between sea power and land power, a relentless sea blockade has always proved more

decisive than an invincible land army. That is what he meant to show by analysing the nature of the struggle between England and France, which he said "nearly ruined Great Britain, but entirely ruined Napoleon." He showed how slow and unspectacular are the effects of a sea blockade, but how inexorable and, in the end, how decisive is the economic strangulation wrought by this unseen force. As Mahan said, in what were to become his most widely quoted words: "Those far-distant, storm-beaten ships, upon which the Grand Army never looked, stood between it and the dominion of the world."

To-day no such formidable array of sea power as that offered by the combined fleets of France and Spain at Trafalgar, or by the German High Seas Fleet at Jut-

By HARLAN TROTT

land a century after, confronts the British Navy. But the threat which Nazi air power presents in waters within easy bombing range of German-held air bases may be just as grave. For in discarding the rule laid down by Jomini, and reiterated by Mahan, no one can yet say whether Hitler has guessed wrong; that is, whether air power will fail to break the present deadlock between a nation supreme on the sea and a nation supreme on land.

In the present struggle between British sea power and German air power, the threat of a sudden knockout by Goering's air armada hangs constantly over the British Isles. In these tense times, when night after night the raiders drone over darkened London, it is heartening to re-read Mahan.

For those of us who run as we read, the first chapter in Mahan's first book will go far to explain the many unseen facets of British resistance that have thus far thwarted Hitler's coming. In fact, an enthusiastic British critic is reported to have said of Mahan's first book that its essence was in its first 80-odd pages. The rest was historical documentation.

By present standards, much of Mahan's writing seems ponderously pedantic. But there are moments deeply moving in their emotional appeal. Of Nelson, Mahan wrote tenderly, almost reverently. He breathes into his description of the Battle of Cape St. Vincent the very spirit of the Nelson who leaped, sword in hand, through the sternports of the Spanish Admiral's cabin to overpower the foe at the head of the British boarding party. But for the most part, Mahan's works lumber soberly along:

The principal conditions affecting the sea power of nations may be enumerated as follows: 1. Geographical position. 2. Physical conformation, including, as connected therewith, natural production and climate. 3. Extent of territory. 4. Number of population. 5. Character of the people. 6. Character of the government, including therein the national institutions.

These are the "elements of sea power" upon which Mahan elaborated with painstaking thoughtfulness in the opening pages of his first book. He showed how Britain's position in respect to these six conditions made her strong at sea, and how much more far-reaching was her sea power than the land power of Napoleon.

Mahan attributed this same favourable balance of elements to Britain's position at the opening of the World War. Shortly before his passing in 1914, he said: "The British fleet holds the decision in its hands, as in the days of Napoleon."

Mahan voiced this opinion in the face of the shocking news that the British cruiser Aboukir had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea, and that when her consort, the Hogue and Cressy, stood by to rescue the Aboukir's crew, they were quickly sunk in turn by the U-boat's torpedoes. Mahan thought that by keeping a good lookout and strengthening its destroyer patrols, the Royal Navy would soon meet the submarine menace.

And recently Capt. Frederick L. Oliver, an American naval officer schooled in the Mahan tradition, voiced a similarly favourable view of Britain's ability to

quickly counteract advanced submarine and air tactics now being used by the Germans. This outstanding naval authority asserts that by increased use of aeroplane scouting patrols along heavily travelled convoy tracks the Royal Navy will soon thwart Germany's efforts to cut Britain's overseas lifelines.

It is encouraging to keep these views in mind when we ask ourselves whether Mahan would shy the British fleet holds the decision in the present conflict in which the aeroplane has projected a dangerous new dimension into the strategy of war.

Those who now insist that "time is on the side of Britain" will find their judgment confirmed in this warning and this prophecy by Mahan on the importance of the time factor in war:

If time be, as is everywhere admitted, a supreme factor in war, it behooves countries whose genius is essentially not military, whose people, like all free people, object to pay for large military establishments, to see to it that they are at least strong enough to gain the time necessary to turn the spirit and capacity of their subjects into the new activities which war calls for. If the existing force by land or sea is strong enough to hold out, even though at a disadvantage, the country may rely upon its natural resources and strength coming into play for whatever they are worth—its wealth, its capacities of every kind.

While Hitler appears to have matched the diplomatic and military successes of Napoleon, it appears thus far that he has also matched Napoleon's failures. Thwarted by British sea power in his plans to invade England, the French Emperor about-faced and marched toward Austerlitz. Does Hitler's drive to the east mean that British sea power already has forced history to repeat itself?

To-day Germany's air power is hammering relentlessly at Mahan's six points. But the island fortress holds fast. Bulwarked by an inspiring faith in Mahan's fifth point, its belief in the sixth unshaken, Britain waits resolutely for Hitler to attempt his promised coming—confident as always in the supremacy of its sea power.

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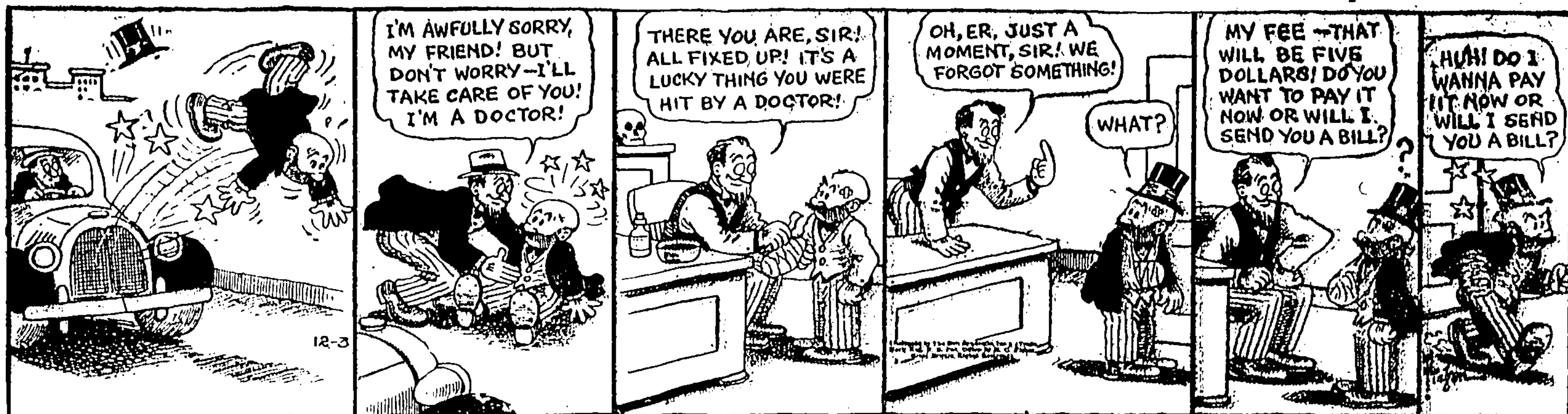
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Swimming Best For Beauty

SWIMMING is one sport which may be enjoyed the year 'round. During the hotter months, sea bathing is refreshing and beautifying and during the colder months pool swimming serves to keep our bodies streamlined and healthy.

Women with heavy thighs and legs should most certainly go regularly to a pool to thrash their limbs up and down in the water. This is done by holding on to the side of the pool and letting the body float. To a rhythmic counting of "one-two, one-two" the legs are thrashed up and down. After a few moments of relaxation, in order to catch one's breath, you should swim away from the edge of the pool, turn over on your back and float. When you are sure of your balance again thrash your legs up as high as possible out of the water and down onto the water. A few weeks of this exercise and even the heaviest of thighs, hips and legs will be slimmed!



Anne Nagel, Jeanne Kelly, and Kay Leslie practice the leg beautifying exercise described to-day.

Using the Diving Board

Another leg shaping exercise and back exercise combined is possible by hanging on to the end of a diving board with both hands. For a minute or two simply hang. Feel every vertebra going into correct alignment. Then lift both legs up to a right angle, push them first to the right side and then to the left side. Repeat this until you feel a straining in your arms. Let go of the board and float for a rest period.

Again grasp the end of the board and move your legs forward and backward as if you were walking rapidly. Muscles which never get used are thus exercised but you must be sure to not strain yourself. Rest on the side of the pool or float whenever you feel you must.

Protect Your Hair

Many women write me that they would swim regularly if they could keep their hair from getting wet. The expense and fuss required for frequent settings is

too much for them. After experimenting I have found a solution to this problem.

There is a bathing cap with a chin strap on the market which has a suction rim inside. This must be wet before the cap is put on and your hair should be brushed high on your head. Once the cap is pulled down past your hair

line it stays put and no water creeps past the suction rim. If you wish further protection you may buy two strips of chamois, sew them into a strip and wind this around your hairline, before slipping on the cap. I know that your hair cannot get even damp if these two precautions are taken!

Beauty Hints For Your Reference Book

TO LIGHTEN BLONDE HAIR alternate the after-shampoo rinses with lemon juice one time and white vinegar the next shampoo.

A QUICK SUBSTITUTE FOR A SOAP SHAMPOO is a hairbrush covered with absorbent cotton or several layers of sheer chiffon. Brush your hair thoroughly and you will be amazed at the grime and oil thus removed from your tresses.

FOR SKIN GLOW in the evening apply your favourite foundation cream to all exposed skin—face, neck, shoulders and arms. Let it set for a few moments, blot lightly with fresh tissue and then dust with your best face powder which should have a becoming rose tint in it. Carry a puff covered with powder wrapped in an evening chiffon hanky to use after removing your evening wrap.

TO RELIEVE BURNING FEET at the end of the day or the morning after a night of dancing massage them with a cooling oil of wintergreen and then rub them with ice wrapped in a linen towel.

TO DRAMATISE EYELASHES apply two coats of mascara to the outer lashes only (those nearer the nose are not darkened). Be certain the colouring does not bleed. After the second coat has dried thoroughly touch the very tips with vaseline to relieve the "dead black" effect. Also apply a

bit of the vaseline to your eyelids.

TO BEAUTIFY DULL-LOOKING HAIR massage the scalp with a handful of table salt prior to the last rinse of a shampoo. Give the scalp a brisk massage with finger tips. Three brushes with varying bristles—soft, medium and very stiff—should be used daily to brush the hair and a fine toothed comb is excellent for stimulating the scalp at the end of a tiring day.

FOR COMPLEXION BEAUTY try drinking a quart of milk each day going one full day and night each week without any make-up after your skin has been thoroughly washed; massaging your skin with a lubricating cream and complexion brush at least once a week. Between these treatments use daily bland soap and water washings to keep your skin clean.

IF UPPER LIP IS SHORTER THAN LOWER dramatise it by drawing a curve from corner to corner with no cupid's bow. Then extend the corners of the lower lip with an upward lift with the lips'ick brush. This is a la Belle Davis and depicts a strong character and fine sensibilities.

TO MAKE LIPSTICK STICK dry lips thoroughly, powder them lightly and apply thin coat of lip colour. Blot it with face tissue and apply second coat of lip rouge. After five minutes blot the second coat with tissue. Some girls dampen absorbent cotton with a chilled cologne and press the cotton against the lips.

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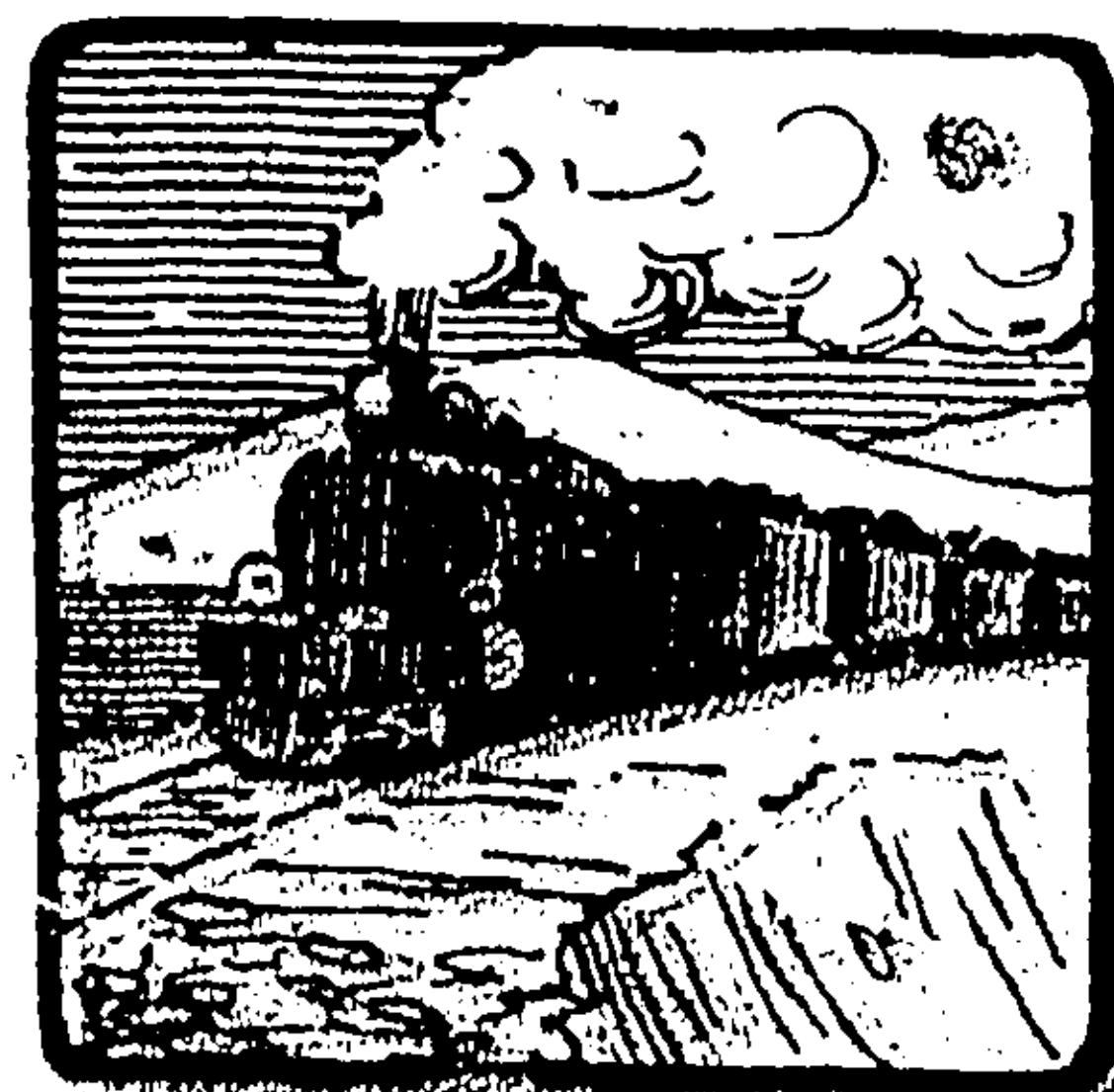
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CHRIST CHURCH BOYS' SPORTS



An interlude in the obstacle race at the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



Miss Lee and Mrs. Booker line up the boys for a flat race at the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



The field well strung out. The finish of a race in the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



The Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, held sports for members of the Boys' Club on Saturday. Above is a group of competitors and officials, the latter, in the back row, including Mrs. F. S. F. Booker, Mr. Abbas, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Miss Lee and Mrs. Anderson.



A scene during the Sing Tao—South China Football match on Club ground last Sunday. Sing Tao outplayed South China and won by 3 goals to 1.



Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, G.O.C., B.T.E., watching ships unloading a cargo of new equipment in Egypt for the operations in Libya. (Copyright, Fox).



THE END OF A RAIDER — Five German bombers were destroyed in one night recently, the Air Ministry announced. This is the biggest number since mass night raids began. One of the machines came to grief at Hornchurch, Essex, and this photo shows the tail and fuselage of the wrecked bomber. (Copyright, Fox).

H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON LOST

Burst Into Flames And Sunk By British Forces

Majority Of Crew Saved

THE ADMIRALTY announced yesterday that the cruiser, Southampton — target of joint German and Italian air attack in the Central Mediterranean last Friday — is a total loss.

Bursting into flames after she had been hit, she had to be sunk by British forces when she could not be towed to port.

The Admiralty communique states: "The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that His Majesty's Ship Southampton (Captain B. C. D. Brooks) has become a total loss.

As announced on January 14, the Southampton was hit during an air attack on our ships in the Mediterranean.

Sunk By Our Forces

Fire broke out on board. As a result of the damage, the fire later attained such proportions that it became necessary to abandon ship.

Southampton had subsequently to be sunk by our own forces when it was found impracticable to tow her into port. A great majority of her crew have been saved."

The cruiser Southampton, of 9,000 tons, was launched at Clydebank in 1936. She had a speed of 32 knots and a main armament of 12 six-inch guns. She was an escort vessel when their Majesties the King and Queen visited Canada and the United States.

Early in the war she suffered three casualties when Nazi raiders bombed shipping in the Firth of Forth.—Reuter.

MR. OKAZAKI SPEAKS HIS PIECE

Japan's desire for closer trade relations with India were stressed in an interview with Reuter given by Mr. Katsuo Okazaki, formerly Consul-General in Hong Kong, on his arrival in Calcutta to become Japanese Consul-General there.

He said he did not think that there had been any change in Japan's attitude towards the European war.

He expressed surprise at the fact that the Japanese in India had recently sent their families home, but he had brought his wife and family with him to India.

Mr. Okazaki denied that Japan had any ambition to expand southward. As far as he knew, Japan's negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies for oil were proceeding smoothly.

As regards Japan's trade with India, the position was satisfactory, but Japan desired closer trade relations and it was his duty to do his best to bring that about.—Reuter.

WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN

Bardia should have taken many months to conquer, in the opinion of a correspondent who has just visited the town.

Inside the perimeter of defences, the whole area is a natural fort, he writes.

Bomb and shell proof shelters abounded in the ravines and huge stores of food and ammunition were found.

General Headquarters was in a mass of caves and the General Officer Commanding had 30 feet of work over his head.

Well constructed concrete defence posts were found all over the place.

The capture of Bardia, he concludes, might well have taken our forces a month or more; and it is little short of amazing that, on the contrary, they should now be laying siege to Tobruk.—Reuter.

RECRUIT FOR THE FREE FRENCH

M. Charles Baron, Labour Superintendent in French Indo-China, left Pondicherry (India) yesterday for Singapore in connection with the Free French movement, says Reuter from Madras.

SOVIET-JAPANESE PACT HANGS FIRE

THAT THE SOVIET-JAPANESE Pact is hanging fire and agreement appears as far off as ever, is the general impression in Moscow.

With the arrival of the new Japanese Ambassador, Lieutenant-General Tatekawa last October, the conviction grew that a Soviet-Japanese non-aggression pact would be signed very shortly.

M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, and Mr. Y. Matsukata, Japanese Foreign Minister, have both stated that there was no reason why relations between the two countries should not be on a normal footing and it was generally believed that the new Ambassador brought a scheme on which a measure of agreement had been reached and he has seen M. Molotov several times, but apparently an agreement is as far off as ever.

Fishery Question

It is generally believed that the Japanese were prepared to make far-reaching concessions in return for Soviet recognition of Manchukuo and cessation of Soviet help to China.

It is rumoured that Japan would regard Inner Mongolia as a Soviet sphere of influence, accord special railway and clearance facilities at Dairen and might even come to an agreement over southern Sakhalin but Japan would not give way on the question of fisheries so vital to Japan, Russia never having accepted gladly the loss of fishing rights which Japan gained after the Russo-Japanese War.—Reuter.

CRACK RACEHORSE DESTROYED

The crack racehorse, Glory of India, (formerly Tantaleux) met with an accident yesterday when preparing for the Eclipse Stakes of India and had to be destroyed. Recently an offer of 150,000 rupees was refused for its sale.—Reuter.

EVEN ROME ADMITS IT NOW

Even the Italians now admit that they do not control even the narrowest part of the Mediterranean.

Rome Radio said yesterday: "From the Italian point of view, it is becoming increasingly clear that we must intensify our efforts to control the Sicilian channel by naval and air means and attack effectively against convoys."

The view expressed on Wednesday by the Soviet newspaper "Trud" that the British Navy is master of the Mediterranean routes is supported by the Rome correspondent of the Spanish News Agency.

He writes that the Mediterranean remains open to British merchantships and along its routes Britain can supply and reinforce either Greece or North Africa.—Reuter.

HUGE U.S. BUILDING PROGRAMME

President Roosevelt has formally asked Congress for authority to build a fleet of two hundred merchant ships "on an emergency basis."

He has also asked for an appropriation of \$213,000,000 to cover the cost.

The President made the request in a Message to Congress in which he said: "I am convinced that the national interest demands that immediate steps be taken to provide against the effect upon the United States of a possible world shortage of cargo vessels."

The Message added: "The emergency ship construction proposals should not be permitted to interfere with the long-range shipbuilding programme which the United States Maritime Commission is already pushing forward, nor with naval construction."

There has been some speculation on whether these new ships might be lent to Britain, or replace existing ships which might be transferred to Britain.—Reuter.

BURMESE MISSION IN CHUNGKING

The Burmese Government Mission spent a busy day in Chungking yesterday calling on various Chinese Government leaders. Formal talks regarding the settlement of the communication problems between China and Burma are expected to be initiated to-day.

Accompanied by Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, Mr. Te Garth. Craw, and three other members of the Mission called on Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan at noon. In the afternoon, they paid separate visits to Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs.

The Burmese officials were entertained at dinner last night by Dr. Wang Chung-hui. More than twenty Chinese and foreign officials were present including Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, Mr. Hsu Mo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, Mr. Peng Hsueh-pei, Vice-Minister of Communications.

Mr. Chang Kia-ngau gave a party in honour of the Burmese Mission last night at the Ministry of Communications, at which views were exchanged on the problem of communication between China and Burma.—Central News.

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British Appeal To Japan To Effect A Rapprochement

Significant British Press Comment

FAR EASTERN PROBLEMS were the subject of leading articles in two influential British newspapers yesterday. First, "The Times" discussed the situation in the Netherlands East Indies and Japan, and second, the prominent provincial newspaper "Yorkshire Post" appealed to Japan to effect a rapprochement with the Democracies.

"The Times" emphasised the strong pro-British sympathies in the Dutch Indies and recalls that immediately Holland was overrun Tokyo assumed the Dutch colonial Empire would be ready to receive Japanese "assistance."

The special mission under Mr. Kobayashi found the Indies willing to negotiate on an economic basis only, and returned to Tokyo with every protestant that the Indies did not come within the scope of the "new order of Greater Asia."

Although this is doubtless the official Tokyo view, says "The Times," it cannot altogether be without significance that the Japanese League for Emancipation of South-Eastern Asiatic Nations has just issued a flamboyant manifesto in which the races of the East Indies, Malaya, Burma, the Philippines and even India are mentioned as among those to be liberated.

Stand Together

"The Times" adds that such emancipation is unlikely to appeal to any of these peoples. This form of charity begins at home — Japanese — occupied China, for instance.

The paper concludes that although Japan has so much in hand the Netherlands authorities are not taking risks and much wealth is being spent for defence measures.

"In the East as in the West, Great Britain and Holland stand together."

Axis Pact And Japan

Under the title "Japan thinks it over," the "Yorkshire Post" discusses the effects of the Axis Pact on Japan.

Chief result hitherto has been to bring Britain and America closer together in uncompromising resistance to Japan's aggressive designs.

The paper recalls that Mr. Cordell Hull on Wednesday pointed out that the United States had tried to show Japan that her best interests would be friendly relations with the United States.

"Even to the fire-eaters in Tokyo that should be obvious enough; it is equally true of Japan's relations with the British Empire."

Japan's Chief Need

The "Yorkshire Post" points out... Japan's dependence on America for engineering supplies and vital raw materials.

It emphasises that Japan depends on Britain for 70 per cent. of the profits of her foreign trade.

"More than this: the friendship of America and Britain would invite her collaboration in a new world order not based, like Hitler's, on tyranny and fraud, but framed to ensure justice and security for all nations, great and small."

The article concludes that there are signs that Japan has begun to think over the alternatives, and declares her chief need is for a statesman with the courage to join Mr. Cordell Hull in telling

her where her true interests lie before the "unhappy entanglement with the Axis becomes irrevocable." — Reuter.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN POLAND

THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN OCCUPIED POLAND HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE COMPLETE REORGANISATION OF THE POLISH RAILWAYS AND WATERWAYS IN ORDER TO ADAPT THEM TO THE GERMAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO NEWS RECEIVED IN LONDON BY WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES.

The plan is for the extension of the waterways, including the linking of Polish canals with German canals from east to west.

Polish circles in London also note with interest that all German stations along the Soviet-German frontier are to be considerably enlarged.

The Vistula is to be linked with the Oder and the Danube by a canal. Bydgoszcz Canal will be deepened to take ships of 1,000 tons displacement. — Reuter.

ITALIAN 'PLANES ROT ON GROUND

ITALIAN 'PLANES lie rotting at the vast abandoned Italian aerodrome at El Adem, south of Tobruk in Libya, states the Air Ministry News Service.

Most of the 'planes had already been rendered unserviceable by R.A.F. attacks and they were finally set on fire by the retreating Italians.

In one hangar alone, there were 22 burnt-out skeletons of 'planes.

The huge aerodrome, now desolate, had been made by the Italians into a very comfortable base with up-to-date kitchens, shower-baths, billiard tables, tennis and badminton courts.

The important wireless installation at El Adem was destroyed before the Italians took to flight, but the large electric power station was left unsabotaged.

In the huge joiners' shop were discovered ten canvas squares with R.A.F. identification circles on them.

Huge Stocks Undamaged

All the machine-shops were equipped on up-to-date lines. All

HITLER'S REPLY TO PETAIN

Hitler's reply to a personal message which Marshal Petain sent him before Christmas may be brought before the Vichy Cabinet on Saturday, according to the Vichy correspondent of "La Suisse," the Zurich paper.

He says that the long awaited visit of De Brinon, the Vichy representative in Paris, to Vichy, is expected to take place very soon, and it would followed by a Ca-

ANOTHER WAR FRONT IN THE BALKANS?

THE TURKISH PRESS is again discussing the chances of the Balkans to keep out of the war.

"Cumhuriyet" says that if for any reason Bulgaria consents to the transit of German troops it would drag her right into the midst of the tempest and another war front would be opened.

Discussing Moscow's attitude, the paper says it would be a mistake to think that Soviet neutrality would remain unaffected in such an event.

Reports continue to be received that Germans are arriving in Bulgaria by the hundreds as "tourists" and "commercial travellers."

Moscow Radio has again broadcast a denial of German-inspired reports that Russia has consented to the movement of German troops in Bulgaria, and has also rebroadcast Bulgaria's denial of these reports.

The Bulgarian War Minister said yesterday that the danger might be avoided "but it may have to be overcome by force."

Another Turkish newspaper says that British successes have been responsible for the prevention of the spreading of war to Bulgaria. — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Continued interest in industrials was the main feature of operations on the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

Further substantial gains were recorded, especially among tobacco, breweries and the shares of heavy industry. Home rails are also forging ahead and oils, after losing some ground, made a smart recovery. Diamonds and rubber issues attracted increased attention, Kafirs closed firm.

Among foreign bond issues, Japanese eased, but Chinese were well supported.

Wall Street was quiet and steady.

binet meeting on Saturday to discuss Franco-German relations.

The correspondent recalls that De Brinon is expected to bring Hitler's reply to Petain's message. — Reuter.

LONDON MURDER

ACCUSED'S R.A.F. SON TESTIFIES

The inquest on Mrs. Lloyd James, wife of Professor Lloyd James, who has been arrested and charged with her murder, was formally adjourned at St. Pancras yesterday until February 21, after the criminal proceedings against her husband have been completed.

A blood-stained carving-fork, and a hammer, found in the room with the corpse, were produced.

The son of Prof. and Mrs. Lloyd James, David, now a flying officer in the Royal Air Force, and formerly the youngest B.B.C. announcer, wearing his uniform, gave evidence of identification and revealed that it was he who found the body of his mother, with the recently used bloodstained carving-fork and hammer.

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the famous pathologist, who performed the post-mortem examination, stated that the cause of death was a depressed fracture of the skull, consequent upon a blow on the head. The other injuries were not sufficient to cause death, but were consistent with the use of the fork. — Reuter.

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GERMANY NOW IN THE AIR WAR ON TWO FRONTS

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

GERMANY IS AT WAR—in the air—on two fronts. So far in the Mediterranean the Nazi air squadrons based in Sicily have carried out one partially successful attack on British warships, notably on the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The bill Germany had to pay for that stroke was the loss of a number of Junkers dive-bombers at the time, but more important was the disclosure of one nest at Catania, of which the R.A.F. took immediate advantage.

The Luftwaffe may have other bases in the Central Mediterranean, as at Sardinia, but it is almost certain that is on air control of the narrowest part of the "Italian lake" on which it pins its greatest hopes, of:—

Firstly, forcing the British Mediterranean Fleet apart and keeping each half in its eastern and western basins;

Secondly, freeing the stranglehold on the Italian army in Libya, so as to prolong their fight against the British forces in North Africa; and

Thirdly, preventing continued military assistance to the Greeks by at least one route until Spring brings a promise of the Italians in Albania fighting back over the ground they have lost.

German Daring

This project—even accepting the aid of Italian torpedo-bombers—presumes a regular smooth flow of personnel and supplies to replace losses—each time the Luftwaffe goes into action—over the Brenner Pass, down the hard-pressed Italian railway system and over to Messina or Palermo, another target of the R.A.F.

The more daring the German pilots—and they have shown over the Straits of Sicily as they did over the Straits of Dover before British fighters forced them to retire—that they don't lack daring—the bigger will be these losses and the greater the strain on the supply system.

Acknowledging that the British Fleet will not be scared into seeking security and less still a way out through scuttling, there is no obvious reason why the R.A.F. and Navy together should not destroy the German air contingents' resources.

Landing in Sicily?

In the last resort a British landing in Sicily, to clean up the Nazi air nests, should they become too great a source of embarrassment, is possible with Malta near.

Immediately the attack on *Illustrious* and *Southampton* would seem to suggest that convoys in the Mediterranean, like those in the English Channel, must at vulnerable points wear their "full" "curtain" of kite balloons and fighters to ensure their greater security.

Of far more permanent importance to the Axis than Nazi intervention in Sicily would have been the basing of German air aid in the early days of the Italian reversal in Greece—better still, before the British landed in Crete—in the Dodecanese.

The British entry into Libya and the investment of Tobruk, last port from which the starving Dodecanese could be refreshed, finally put an end to that possibility.

Unforeseen as was the necessity for such aid to Italy, Nazi air intervention in the Mediterranean now takes a form as intelligible as it could be.—Reuter.

RAF Pilot Makes History

A Royal Air Force night fighter pilot made war history on Wednesday night when, single-handed, he shot down and destroyed two German raiders.

He brought down the first victim after a running fight which began over London shortly after midnight.

Riddled with bullets and with both engines out of action, the bomber crashed near an Essex town with a terrific explosion.

The second victim was intercepted over Essex a few hours later. Damaged by a burst of fire it turned for home but was re-engaged and shot down.—Reuter.

PROHIBITION RULING

A special bench of the Bombay High Court yesterday refused leave to appeal against the High Court's decision in the prohibition case.

The Prohibition Law was introduced by the Congress Government in 1939 and, in effect, it has been invalidated by the High Court.—Reuter.

There were full supplies of sugar and also cement, of which there was an exportable surplus, and there was clothing of all sorts. Referring to the sinking of ships bringing goods to Eire, Mr. Lemass said Government was endeavouring to purchase ships but that might not solve the problem. The loss of ships had made supplies of petrol uncertain. There was no cause for immediate anxiety as regards tea and no need for rationing.—Reuter.

EIRE'S SUPPLIES DIFFICULTY

Eire's supply difficulties as a result of the war were discussed in the Dail yesterday afternoon.

Mr. William Cosgrave, Opposition Leader, asked Government to indicate what steps were contemplated for equitable distribution of essential supplies in the event of an acute shortage developing.

Mr. Cosgrave referred to the recent restrictions on the use of petrol and spoke of the shortage of tea.

Mr. Sean Lemass, Minister of Supplies, replying, said that the country was lucky that it had not felt the effects of the war more seriously during the last 15

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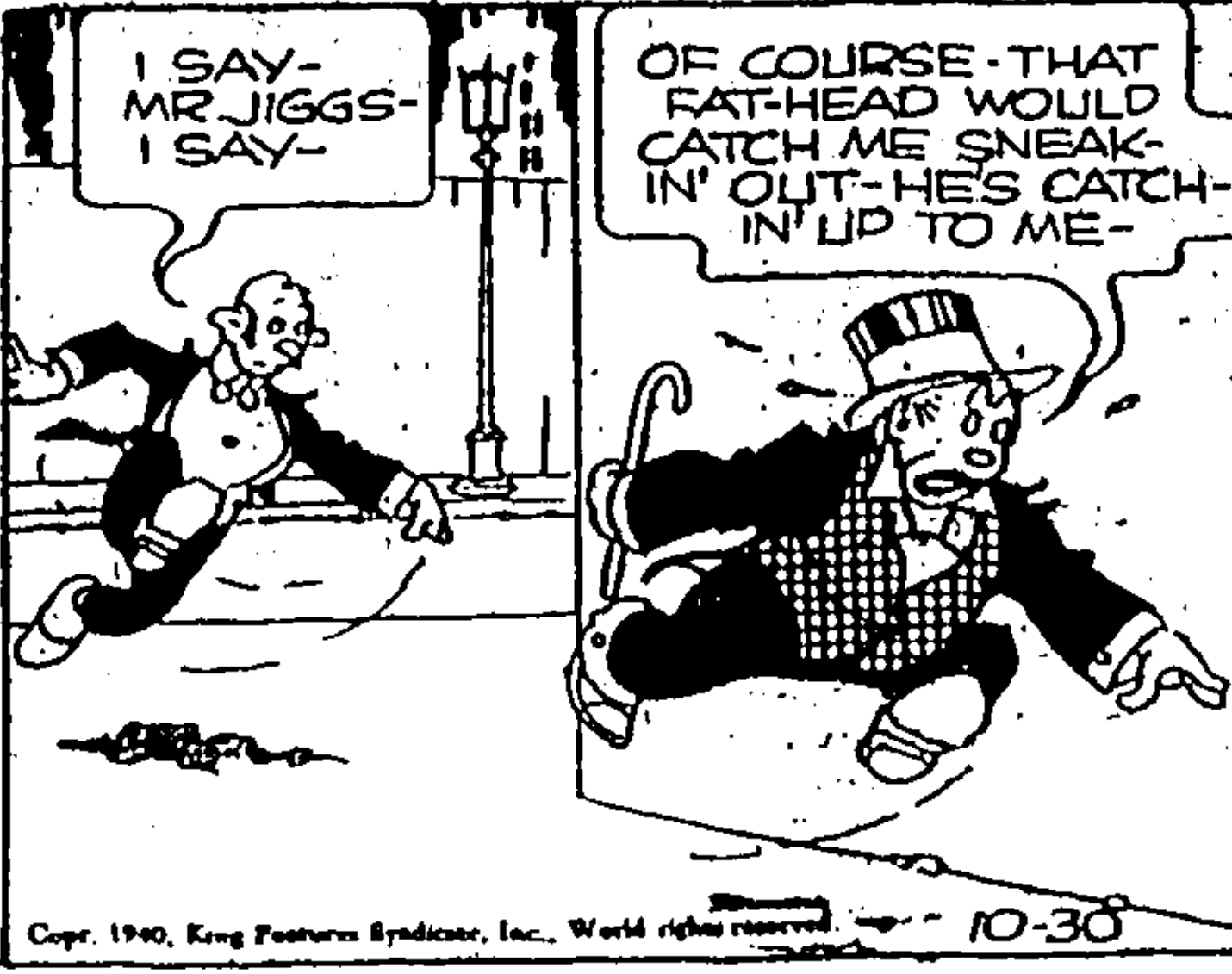
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FRIENDLY GESTURE TO CHINA

"China regards the Burma road as one of her life-lines and looks on the re-opening of the road as another gesture of Sino-British friendship."

This statement was made in Rangoon yesterday by General Wu Te-chen, Chinese Minister for Overseas Affairs.

He added: "I wish to point out that keeping the road open will help bring victory for China and peace and stability to the Far East."

"Because Burma and China are next-door neighbours the security and peace of Burma are important to China, while China's development means a great deal to Burma."

Economic Base

General Wu disclosed that they had succeeded in establishing a strong economic base in the north-west and south-west provinces for developing the natural resources of that rich region.

He hoped the Yunnan-Burma railway would soon be completed in order to develop potential trade between China and Burma. -- Reuter.

Two gunboats for the Nanking regime were launched yesterday at Kiangnan Dockyard in Shanghai, says Reuter.

MORE U.S. NAVY TRANSFERS IN THE OFFING?

COL. FRANK KNOX, Secretary for the Navy, declared in Washington yesterday that he would object to any clause being inserted in the "Lease And Lend Bill" to prevent transfer of any part of the United States Navy.

Col. Knox made this statement before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives.

He gave as reason for his objection that he could foresee conditions under which the navy could be transferred on very advantageous terms.

In the course of his evidence, Col. Knox said that the essence of the President's plan was that the United States should become virtually the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war materials produced in the United States.

There would thus be constituted one great funnel through which all such material would flow.

"We shall then be in a position to apportion these munitions among ourselves and other democracies whose defence is important to us."

British Assets

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, declaring himself in favour of the Lease-and-Lend Bill, told his press conference yesterday that, to the best of his knowledge, the Churchill Government had no assets available for American purchases apart from the U.S.\$1,775,000,000 which he reported to Congress on Wednesday.

He explained that although the assets did not include the values of Canadian or other Empire investments in the United States, these additional resources were not available for London.

Declining to offer any estimate of the value of these assets, Mr. Morgenthau said: "The British Empire is a family and it has the same problems as a human family. Because some members of a family have assets, it does not mean necessarily that they belong to the rest of the family." -- Reuter.

LONDON AIR RAID DRAMA

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique yesterday stated: "There has been very little enemy air activity over this country to-day. Bombs were dropped at two points in east Kent. No damage or casualties were caused."

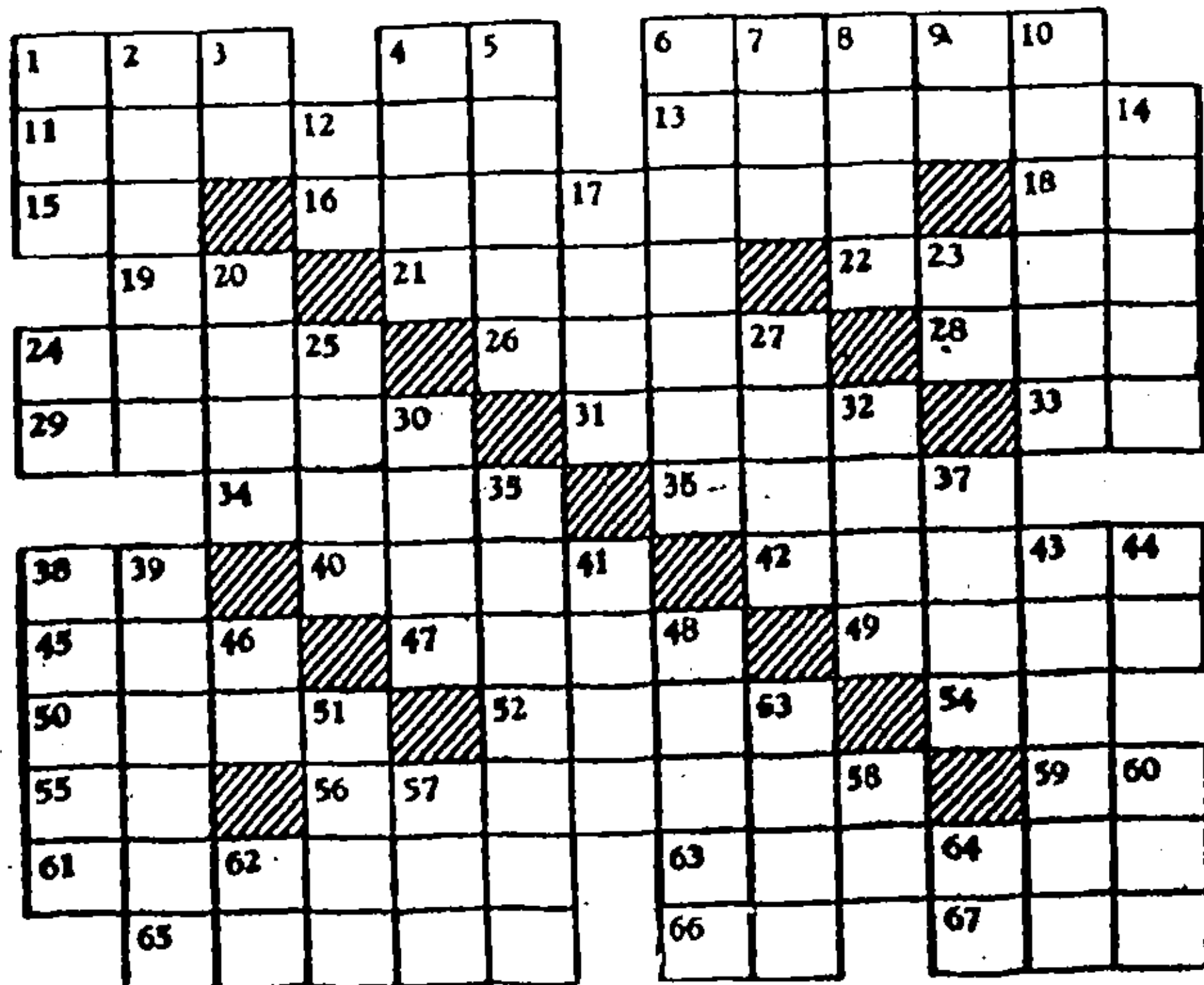
Pioneers with mobile cranes helped rescue squads in London yesterday save men from the wreckage of a large men's hostel demolished by a bomb during the night raid.

By early afternoon many of the trapped had been rescued, some badly injured.

Two men were brought out after being buried more than eight hours, police officers having to chip away stonework to release one of them.

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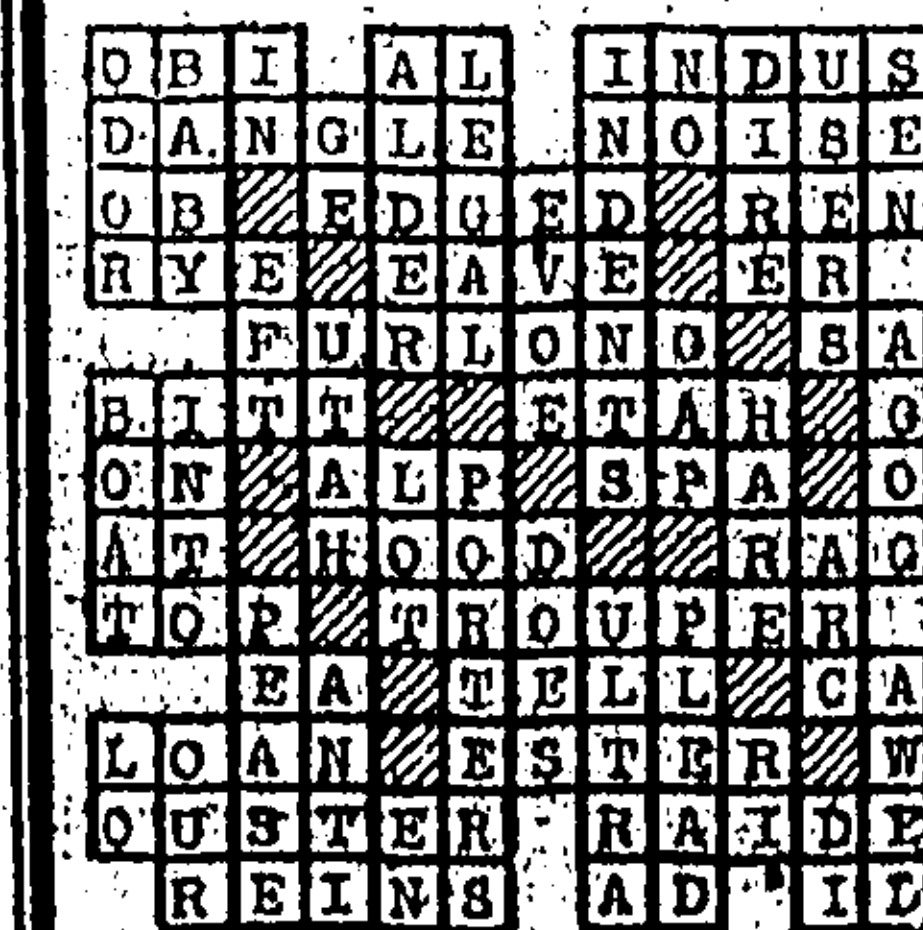
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- 1 Dread
- 4 Toward
- 6 To cool suddenly
- 11 To stumble
- 13 Pertaining to the Muses
- 15 Note of scale
- 16 White of an egg
- 18 Roman gods
- 19 Brother of Odin
- 21 Stripe
- 22 Party
- 24 Saucy
- 26 Joust
- 28 Dry
- 29 To ascend
- 31 Tailless amphibian
- 33 Concerning
- 34 Hub of a wheel
- 36 Neat
- 38 Japanese money
- 40 Mafure
- 42 Species of iris
- 45 French coin
- 47 Italian coin
- 49 To bind
- 50 Land measure
- 53 Slang detective

VERTICAL

- 1 Near the stern
- 2 Relinquishment of a right
- 3 Spanish article
- 4 To narrate
- 5 Heavenly body's path
- 6 Seat of King Arthur's court
- 7 Tilling implement
- 8 Caravansaries
- 9 Chinese measure

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 10 Device for climbing
- 12 Symbol for tantalum
- 14 Daughter of one's aunt
- 17 Single thing
- 20 Elre
- 23 Edicts
- 24 Colloquial: father
- 25 Former Russian ruler
- 27 Edible root
- 30 Iniquity
- 32 Filth
- 33 Outer skin (var.)
- 37 To seize
- 38 Intended
- 39 Happens
- 41 Scandinavian explorer
- 43 South-American creeping plant
- 44 Compass point
- 46 City in Chaldean
- 48 One who plays a part
- 51 Famous Italian family
- 53 Military cap
- 57 Edible seed
- 58 Note of scale
- 60 Man's name
- 62 Pronoun
- 64 Artificial language

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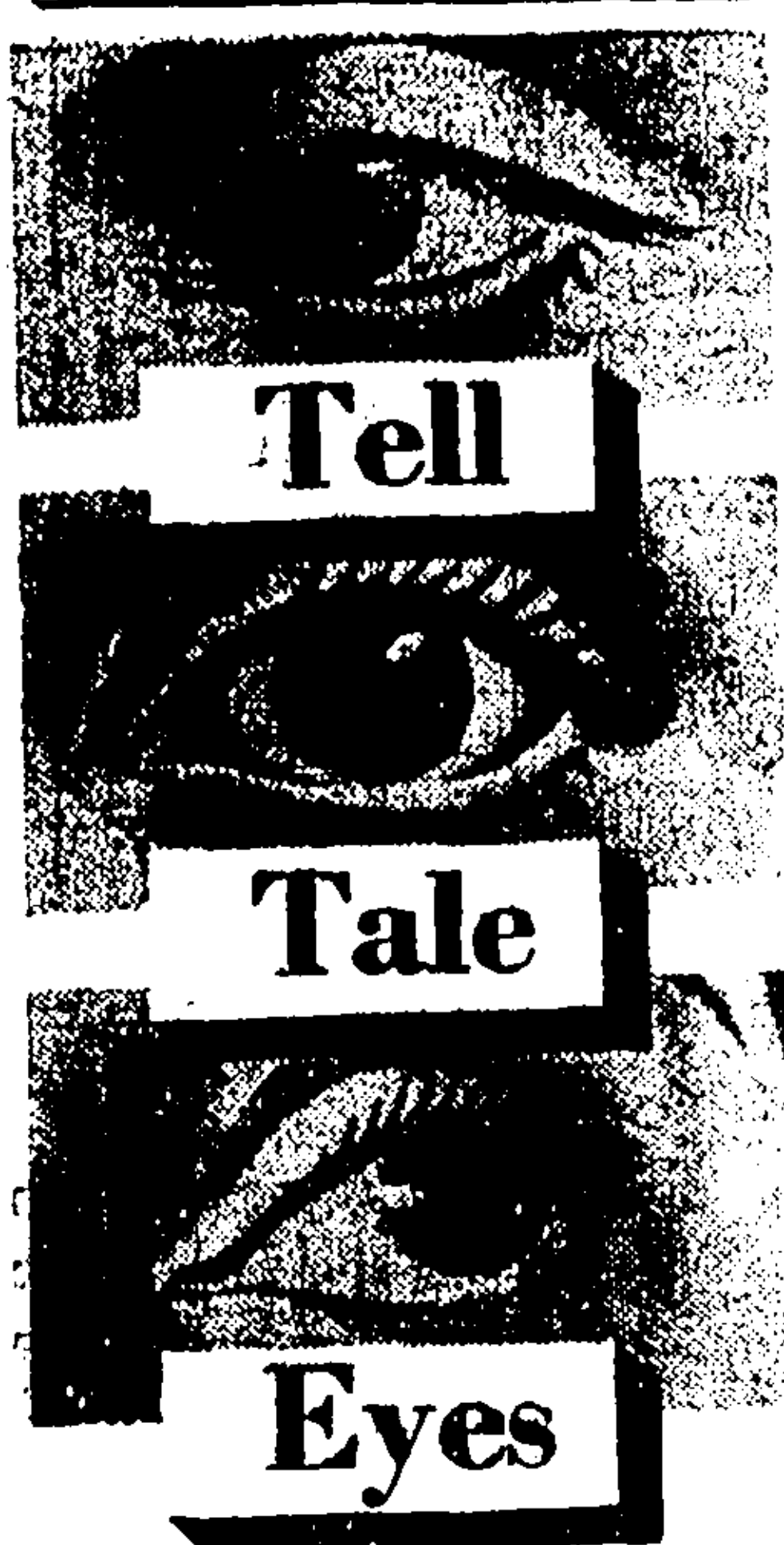
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The correspondent attributed this situation to the belief that Great Britain was using about 500,000 tons of warships in the Mediterranean, "which gave them a clear numerical superiority over the Italian navy."

"This numerical superiority," he thought, "particularly in battleships has made it impossible for the Italian navy to control even the Straits of Sicily, and has compelled it to carry out a programme of harassing the British naval forces as much as possible, an operation which is less difficult in the central Mediterranean than elsewhere in that sea."

The correspondent asserted that in September 1938, at the time of the Munich crisis, the British fleet consisted of fifteen battleships, seventy cruisers, seven aircraft-carriers, 190 destroyers and seventy submarines.

British "Losses"

"If the losses suffered by that navy since the outbreak of hostilities are taken into consideration, it appears that the greater part of the British fleet is now concentrated in the Mediterranean, particularly as far as the battleships and aircraft-carriers are concerned," he wrote.

According to the correspondent, the British naval units at present in the Mediterranean consist of eight battleships of 32,000 tons each, several aircraft-carriers, a number of 10,000 ton and smaller cruisers, and many destroyers and submarines.

Against this "huge force," the task of the Italian fleet had been reduced to hampering British communication lines in the Mediterranean and protecting the Italian lines.

Reiterating that the Straits of Sicily were still open to the British, the correspondent stressed that "to close them would necessitate a clear superiority in military means and in battleships, the latter proving a decisive factor in any naval engagement."

"As far as we are concerned, the British have always enjoyed this superiority," he added.

The main naval engagement between the British and Italian fleets he declared, occurred in the Straits of Sicily on the night of October 12 last, and, a few days later, South of Cape Teulada.

The correspondent then declared that every time a British convoy sailed from Gibraltar to Alexandria, "the entire British fleet escorts it."

Remarkable Claim

However, he claimed, "the operations of the Italian fleet were sufficient to compel most of the British naval convoys sent from home waters to the Mediterranean to assist in the North African campaign, to reach their destination by going around the Cape, thus lengthening their journey by some 8,000 miles and delaying their arrival by over 20 days."

The writer then proceeded to evaluate the respective losses suffered by the British and Italian navies in the Mediterranean. The British, he said, including ships sunk and those put out of action for an indefinite period, lost twenty submarines, six cruisers, ten destroyers, a minelayer, a patrol-ship, and two unidentified units, to which must be added a light cruiser and a destroyer, sunk in the Atlantic.

"The Italians," he asserted, "lost eleven submarines, one cruiser, four destroyers, and a mosquito torpedo-boat.—Havas."

GAMBLED AWAY THE PROCEEDS

A total of 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Wong Hing, 35, unemployed, by Mr. J. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning for burglary at No. 13, Wing Wo Street, second floor, on December 3, last year, and with a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Acting Detective Sub-Inspector F. W. Fowle said that defendant was responsible for the theft of \$2,500 in money and jewellery from complainant's residence. Defendant sold the jewellery and lost all the money in gambling in Macao.

ALLEGED MURDER AFTER WEDDING

AT THE CRIMINAL Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Lau Fat, Cheung Kau-sau and Cheung Sau-fat were charged in connection with the murder of Cheung Kau-sui, in Cheung Tau-po village in the early morning of November 22 last year.

Lau Fat and Cheung Kau-sui were charged with murder and Cheung Sau-fat with being an accessory before the fact.

Lau Fat was represented by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan, second accused was represented by Mr. T. F. Lo instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli, while the third accused was defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo instructed by Mr. J. Hall.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. J. P. Murphy assisted by Detective Inspector L. R. Whant.

Mr. Murphy said that Cheung Kau-sui was a widower living with his nine-year-old son in Cheung Tau-po village in Nam Tau District.

Twenty-five years ago deceased was bought by Cheung Muk-ying, the father of third accused, as his adopted son. Deceased did no work and had sold the property he had inherited.

In July, deceased asked third accused for a loan of a few dollars and there was a quarrel. In November deceased tried to get some money with the intention of going abroad by selling a title deed for family property of which third accused was trustee. Third accused refused to let him have the deeds.

The Crown alleges that third accused was responsible for deceased's death because he did not want the land to be sold and that he was tired of deceased's continual borrowing, and repeated requests for loans. The third accused it was said, was the person primarily responsible for deceased's death as he hired the assassins. First accused took an active part in the murder and second accused was present when the murder took place.

Wedding Feast

Continuing, Mr. Murphy said that on November 21 deceased and his son attended a wedding feast at which first and second accused were present. Shortly after the wedding guests had left, deceased and son returned home, turned in, extinguished the lights and went to sleep.

The son was awakened some time after by shouts from his father of "save life." He saw the room was lighted and his father on the ground near the bed. He saw four men in the room. First accused was striking his father on the head with an iron hammer and two others were also striking him. The fourth man (second accused) was standing by looking on. The boy tried to get out of bed but was prevented by first accused who put the lights out. Later the boy heard the sound of his father's body being dragged out of the room.

The boy later left the room and house and at the end of the lane saw four men carrying the body

of his father.

The Police were informed and on November 23 as the result of information and enquiries police visited the house. The front door was closed and by use of a ladder they got into the house through an opening in the roof. There had been five iron bars across the opening but two bars were now missing and it is presumed that the murderers got into the house by this means. A large patch of blood was found and a trail leading into the bedroom where there was another patch. At the head of the bed there was some more blood and later some pepper was found.

The Crown suggests that the pepper was used to temporarily blind the victim.

Surrendered To Police

As the result of the son's report first accused was arrested and third accused was arrested the same day.

On November 25, second accused voluntarily surrendered himself to the Au Tau Police station and that because he had heard that the police were out for him.

Each of the accused separately led the police to the hillside where the body had been buried, and each was able to tell how the body was buried. First and second accused were later charged with murder. In answer to the charge first accused said that he was asked to assist in burying the body and when he refused he was told that there would be no trouble and that the others would be responsible.

Second accused made a statement detailing his whereabouts and saying that he knew nothing about the whole affair.

Third accused, who was charged with being an accessory before the fact, made a statement but this was not read in court as the defence might have some objection.

An identification parade was held on November 25 but the son failed to identify the first accused.

The body was exhumed, and medical evidence would show that when the body was taken to the mortuary the hands and thighs were bound with a rope which went round the neck and that the cause of death was due to strangulation caused by that rope. There were four lacerated wounds on the head.

Dr. Tai, medical officer of Kowloon Mortuary, stated that when he saw the body, the eyes were protruding and the tongue was clenched between the teeth, these being signs of strangulation. There were four wounds on the head on the left side as if caused by a hammer. The wounds did not penetrate the skull and the blows could have stunned deceased.

Case is continuing.



THE BUDGET

The Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday introduced Hong Kong to the Budget proposals for 1941-42 with a notable brevity. It will take much longer for the community to attune its ideas to the scale of expenditure contemplated, and if we know our community, still longer to develop that frame of mind which, in England, enabled the taxpayer to greet a colossal burden of war taxation with the complaint that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had not gone far enough!

Nevertheless, judged on the basis of a brief survey of the proposals—time prohibiting a more detailed study for the moment—it is a good budget. It is good from the viewpoint that, despite the exceedingly heavy commitments under the heading of special war expenditure, the impulse to chequespare elsewhere to the detriment of the Colony's welfare and well-being and progress, has been resisted. It is good because the additional taxation contemplated falls largely upon that section of the community which can most easily afford to bear it, because it brings home vividly—some may think drastically—that there is a war on in which Hong Kong has an intimate interest, and because, in order to seek ways and means to meet the large deficit, Government intends to re-open the question of War Taxation.

The compromise taxes introduced just before the departure of Mr. Sydney Caine have produced much greater revenue than was expected. They have, on the whole, worked very smoothly; the process of collection has not been complicated by unexpected or insuperable obstacles. But in no sense can it be suggested that they are satisfactory. The opinion expressed by the Committee set up in Singapore to study war revenue problems, condemning the Hong Kong compromise taxes out of hand as grossly inequitable, merely gave point to the views of Government during the income tax controversy.

Mr. Butters suggested three alternative ways of meeting the needs of the financial situation. First, to perpetuate and emphasise the existing inequities by increasing the existing rates, second, to amend radically the forms of taxation in order to spread the incidence more fairly, and third, to

The story Mr. Baxter tells here is one of the most dramatic of this war. It is a strictly accurate account of an actual happening, but for obvious reasons certain names have had to be changed or withheld.

Nobody could explain how he ever came to be minesweeping in that North Sea trawler.

Possibly he could not have explained it himself. If so, it was about the only thing he could not explain. For he would ramble on in that amazing easy way of his about ruts that Roman chariot wheels had left on the grass rides in the north country where he came from, and how they were set just as far apart as the wheels of a modern farm cart.

"You see the gauge just went on the same," he explained, "and, by the way, you know there's something else that has just gone on the same. That's Shakespeare's English. Yes, they still talk Shakespeare's English in the Blue Grass country in Kentucky. They're supposed to be the descendants of the men Sir Walter Raleigh sent to plant Virginia. Isolated behind those great mountains they've got left there all these hundreds of years. What a life, eh?"

On he would tell you about eels if there happened to be an eel, fried or otherwise, in evidence.

"Did you know," he would ask with that forward jerk of his chin which presaged some amazing piece of information, "did you know that all eels are born in the Gulf of Mexico? I didn't believe it, but the best naturalist I all say so."

Of course, the men who never bothered about any eel did not know. But they sat listening and they were amazed.

"You'd have made a great writer, Jim," they said. "What made you go to sea?"

"Oh, it's in my veins," said Jim with mock pomposity. "The tang of salt water runs in the blood. The call of the sea comes to me as it came to the young Raleigh. Have a cigarette after all that!"

"No good asking him," said the cook wisely. "He cares for the sea too much to talk of it."

There was one man on board who knew a little more about him, who had seen him sometimes in those grim days before the war, when he tramped a ship's deck very seldom, but tramped the weary road to the Labour Exchange very often.

"Jim's been up against it and no mistake," he said. "You can take that from me. But Jim can take it all right. You'd never think of all he's been through to look at him now, would you. Doesn't look a day over twenty-five."

"Maybe it's not left any mark on him because he never talks about it," suggested the cook. And they just left it there. But they liked to listen to Jim talk, which he used to do pretty nearly all the time between watches. He could argue with any man on board, and he loved to do it, whether they were discussing the price of herring, or what Rumania was going to do next.

And at the back a great big sailor grinned slowly with a touch

revert to proper income tax.

Actually, there seems no such choice. The third course is the only one offering reasonable guarantees against further discriminatory treatment. And as practical experience of the modified taxes has destroyed some of the main arguments against the wider and fairer measure, the issue can be revived without any show of reluctance.

The Soul Of Britain:-- Shipmates

of pride, as though to say "Isn't Jim a wonderful fellow now?" And this man was Jim's best friend.

Now the thing that his mess-mates could least understand about Jim was why he ever picked on Bill.

For Bill was quite the slowest, the most stolid, as he was the best-natured fellow in the ship.

His features used to move gradually into a grin about two minutes after everyone else had seen a joke. He never kept up, of course, with all his friend's talk

By
Beverley Baxter

about Shakespeare and the eels and the rest of it, but he always listened. He would sit proudly, with that great grin on his face, when Jim quoted Rupert Brooke or started to explain the way that wireless began. And somehow Jim never seemed to tire of expounding these things patiently to the friend who could not understand them, or Bill of listening to what he never could possibly follow.

If the great fat fellow looked like being behind at his job, there was Jim at his side to do it for him. And as they rubbed along together smoothly, so that trawler went steadily at her job. And she was lucky, as mine-sweeping trawlers go. Dull work it was, but at any rate they kept afloat and they themselves fairly dry, and they never went very short, and the Comforts Fund seemed to have a soft spot for them, and they forgot that they were risking daily death.

Then the blitzkrieg began, and they were not allowed to forget it any longer. The German was showing his real self. Darting low out of the clouds to spray machine-gun bullets on the decks of lightships, dropping oil on the sea where survivors of bombed ships were swimming so that he could loose an incendiary bomb on top of it, and bombing trawlers with his planes. They read about it all in the newspapers and they heard about it on the wireless, and quite suddenly it happened to them.

Out of the grey North Sea cloud, with a grim staccato whirr darted a German aeroplane. It zoomed straight towards the trawler.

Now Jim had not only read about Romans and Walter Raleigh and eels. He had also taken a course in machine-gunners. The machine-gun was a greater mystery to Bill than all Jim's talk of chariots and eels. He only once tried to handle it, pinched his finger, broke the nail, and grinned slowly. But Jim found the thing fascinating! It was an art, a new learning for that quick brain of his to delve about in.

He had not only got interested in that art. He had mastered it. Calm, because he was confident, he watched the plane come on, the old gay smile on his face, and it seemed as if he was never going to press the trigger. Then quite suddenly he let the German have it. Flames spurted up from the plane, swirled round it, wrapped it up till it came crumbling to the sea. And his friend stood there with the same slow, admiring grin that greeted Jim's remarks about the eels.

"Good work, old boy!" he said, only this time he was the first instead of the last of the crew to speak.

"Good work! I'll say it was good work, the best thing I ever did see," burst out the others; but their voices were drowned by the sudden whirr of more engines out of the sky as two other bombers dived down at the trawler.

This time they caught her; she thrashed, she shivered, listed and began to sink. The crew plunged

over one by one into the sea. But the young gunner stayed behind, firing away till there was nothing for it. Then he kicked his boots off, stripped, poised and dived with amazing grace into that welter of grey water.

Away in the mist where sea and cloud mixed in one shadowy grey-ness, loomed the form of a ship. Jim knew she was a friendly ship, otherwise she would never be on the high seas at all. But as he beat out towards her she seemed incredibly far away. The rest of them had made her, or they hoped to make her somehow; but the rest of them had not gone through the long strain of fighting two planes with one machine-gun. Jim was exhausted when he started, and it seemed to him that he never was going to be finished with it. The great waves rolled up and they but him hard under the chin; they poured over him and pounded about him, and battered him and lifted him up like the wicked giants in the fairy tales that he remembered hearing when he was a kid up north, lifted him up and seemed to put him right back where he had started. His teeth were set, but they were chattering, his chin jutted out as it used to do with he gave some provocative piece of information, his arms had lost all feeling as they battled against the water, but his legs went on with a rhythmic steadiness that carried him tirelessly on. He could scarcely get his breath in gasps between the swappings; he was conscious that his heart was beating till it almost burst. The water was running out of his eyes, and somewhere on his nose there was a maddening itch which, because he was swimming hard, he could not spare a hand to rub away.

And then quite suddenly he was alongside the rescue ship. There were friendly voices. For one blissful moment he gave himself up as though he was lying down to sleep. A warm drink was glowing through his body, his mouth relaxed into its old, charming smile. And then suddenly something seemed to smite into his brain with the nightmare insistence of a trouble forgotten.

"Where's Bill?" he asked.

He saw the cook's big, kindly face very near him, and in the blankness of the cook's grey eyes he read the answer. He looked wildly around the ring of faces, and he said again:

"Where's Bill?"

"Bill has not come aboard with the rest," he heard someone say. Quietly he stood up, he walked away from them, and he dived back into the sea.

All over again he wrestled and kicked and struck out at that great pounding wall of waters. His senses were clouded this time, he was hardly conscious of the old pains, he was conscious only of one pain that was biting into his heart, and of one thought that still kept afloat above the confusion in his head, just as his body kept afloat in the heaving vastness of those cold grey waters. He must get back to the trawler. It seemed to go on for ever, that uneven, impossible battle against the sea. But he found himself, repeating and repeating over again—"Steady does it, steady does it!" And because he held to the measured rhythm of his swimming, because he did not spurt or struggle or get himself excited, he came up with the trawler at last.

She was still float there. He never knew just how he got aboard her. He was not thinking of how he got aboard. He was thinking of Bill. He crawled over the deck, no longer conscious that he was cold and tired and anxious. He crawled over the deck, buoyed by one thought only—"Bill, where are you?" He thought that he was shouting, but only a gasp came out, and Bill could not have heard him, even if he had been on deck.

He swam down into the engine room, and then as he was borne in among the machinery down there, a new warmth suddenly coursed through his body. Badly wounded in the thigh, limp and bleeding a

little, but with his head still above water, propped against the wall, lay Bill. Bill still alive, still conscious even. Just conscious. There was only the beginning of the friendly old grin on his face, as he sank back.

"All right, Bill, old man?" It was but the beginning of a nod, but Jim did not stop to notice it. He got his taut young arms about the body, he dragged it, carried it, pushed it up the companion way to what was left of the deck. His brain was working clearly now, with all the old alertness that the battle against the sea had not swamped, because even the long waitings and weary trampings to Labour Exchanges never contrived to cloud it. He knew just what to do, and he did it as calmly as though the trawler were not three parts under water. He got Bill's arms folded about his neck, he carried the weight of Bill's body upon his own, and he let himself calmly down into the sea.

"All right, Bill?" "Yes, Jim, I'm all right."

And they started back again. The waters heaved about Jim like a great grey moving wall that seemed deliberately to bar his way. He dared not think back to the two long journeys, or to reflect how far he had to go. He ought to know that now, but to think of it would have been to despair.

And Jim was not going to despair. His arms seemed to be made of cotton wool, his body was one vast, throbbing ache, his heart was strained till he felt it bound to burst, when the next wave beat upon it. He could not bear that new stabbing at his temples. The weight he carried grew so intolerable at every stroke he pushed forward into the sea. Vaguely he wondered, was Bill still all right? Well, why not ask him? He would, of course he would, in a moment. . . . Jim spat out a mouthful of sea water, and he thought again clearly. Better carry on. Asking's a waste of strength. I'll just go on, and I'll ask him in a minute.

Then, because he could suddenly feel nothing at all, because the whole world about him grew suddenly dark, because the silly little memory of a coloured picture of Lord Roberts on the wall of his mother's house insisted on occurring to him whenever he tried to think at all, he did not ask Bill anything. Yet he felt so friendly now towards big lumbering Bill. He knew, whatever he was doing for Bill, that it was Bill who kept him alive—that if Bill had not been there this time, he would certainly have gone under.

Kindly English hands hauled them aboard the rescue ship. Jim reeled, because all the world seemed to reel about him, but somebody caught him up, and they stretched him on the deck. For a few moments he just lay there, lay there panting like a dog. Then he shook his head vigorously, as if he was trying to shake the gathering mists away from his brain. He sat up with a jerk. In that moment his brain was clear.

"Where's Bill?" he asked.

It's a rough business, this mine-sweeping, where men are used to death and hardened to tragedy, because they simply have to be. And yet every man aboard that ship waited for his neighbour to be the first to speak.

"What's the matter with you all?" shouted Jim, roughly, almost angrily. It was the tone of a man who has once known what it is to command. His eye wandered over the deck—wandered over to something shapeless that was lying there, under a tarpaulin. Then he just sat there blinking at it, and he did not speak—did not mention the burden that he had, after all, borne lifeless through the intolerable agony of that last swim.

Nobody could remember just how long it was before the skipper of the rescue ship was talking.

"Better get below, son, and put some clothes on you," he said.

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7-HOUR ATTACK ON H.M.S. ILLUSTRIOUS

A THRILLING ACCOUNT of how the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* successfully fought off determined dive-bombing attacks during Friday's German/Italian attack on a convoy is told by a correspondent who was on board her.

Despite the fact that she was hit by a heavy bomb almost at the beginning, *Illustrious* successfully fought off her attackers for seven hours, during which it is estimated that from 40 to 50 German 'planes dropped at least 100 1,000-lb. bombs in an attempt to sink her.

BRITISH COURAGE & MORALE

An interesting analysis of the British character is made in the Swedish newspaper "Handelstidning," which says: "The Dictators have underestimated the English nation's courage and morale."

The Englishman values life as long as he enjoys unmolested individual freedom and can move freely among people and say what he likes. Take them away and he has no country any longer. Life for the Englishman without freedom is not worth a shilling. Death seems for him easier than for others.

If Hitler had spent a month in the East End he would have seen clearly that England's capitulation must be preceded by the destruction of practically all the inhabitants.

The Dictators had made a mistake about the English workman's view of the reasons of the war. The Englishman knows what kind of ideal he fights for because his Parliament and Government have not forbidden him to listen to the foreign radio. Englishmen see in German prohibitions an acknowledgement that their leaders are on errands which cannot stand the light of truth. — British Wireless.

HEALTH MINISTRY ORDER

The Minister of Health has made an order under the Defence Regulations by which Medical examination of any child in certain areas may be ordered if there is reason to suppose such a child is suffering in mind or body as the result of hostile attacks or is in such a state of health as he is likely so to suffer if he or she remains in the area.

If examination shows the child is suffering in the manner specified then the local education authority which is charged with carrying out the Order may require the child to be removed to a safer district.

The Order now made covers Metropolitan Boroughs and Boroughs immediately contiguous to London. — British Wireless.

BRUTAL CHOPPER ATTACK

A brutal attack with a chopper was made on a 37-year-old Chinese early this morning.

The man was found severely wounded by the police at 8.20 a.m. lying on the roadside in a village near the border at Shataukok, New Territories.

Police investigations are proceeding, but no arrests have yet been made. The wounded man has been admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

The correspondent was in the mess-room when the bugles sounded the warning of the attack. He rushed to the bridge and had only just reached it when a heavy bomb struck the flight deck.

All the anti-aircraft guns were blazing away and although the German 'planes dived from all directions, every gun crew kept up a steady stream of fire.

They stood in their unprotected positions, blazing away, despite flying splinters and machine-gun fire from the 'planes.

What few breathing spells there were were used by the crew to carry the wounded to places of comparative safety.

One heavy bomb dropped in the water close to the ship, sending a column of water high over the bridge and blowing the correspondent through a hatchway to the deck below.

Between 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., there were never more than a few minutes free from action.

Just before the 7-hour ordeal ended, the German 'planes made a determined torpedo attack.

The Rear-Admiral stood on the bridge and gave the order to push ahead at top speed the moment the Germans dived.

Their torpedoes swished harmlessly into the water a few feet from her stern.

The German attack cost them dear, for 'plane after 'plane was caught in the curtain of fire and destroyed. — Reuter.

FUR COAT STOLEN

A grey fur coat, valued at \$180, was stolen from No. 21, Pottinger Street yesterday afternoon.

HITLER-IL DUCE CONFERENCE REPORT DENIED

Reports spread abroad concerning a meeting between Italian and German personages are devoid of foundation, states the official Italian news agency, Stefani, evidently referring to the talk of a meeting pending between Hitler and Mussolini. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI AMERICAN FINED

An American businessman, Mr. William Peter Hunt, 39, residing at the Hong Kong Hotel, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by possessing three letters for the purpose of conveying them into the Colony, otherwise than by post.

Mr. Hunt pleaded guilty, saying that he brought the letters from Shanghai, and had already given them to an Officer on the ship, with the intention of turning them over to the authorities.

According to the prosecution, Sgt. Jenner went on board the s.s. Tjitjaleangka, about 3.30 p.m. yesterday. He met Mr. Hunt and asked him if he had any letters. Accused immediately told him about the letters.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

STOLE FROM POLICE

So Kau, 28, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, for stealing a length of rubber piping and five mattresses from the Police Headquarters on Wednesday.

Defendant was also placed under Police Supervision for two years.

NAZIS' NEW AIR FLEET DOUBTED

THE R.A.F. HAVE whipped Germany's best 'planes and pilots so far and will continue to whip them—German 'planes now "on the stocks" which are expected to come into use shortly will prove inferior to our own new types, British designers are convinced.

From the start of the war Germany has produced no new type except the Heinkel 113 fighter. This, judging from its infrequent appearances as escort for raiding bombers, is no better than the older Messerschmidt 109 and 110.

It is known that the Nazis have four, and probably five, new bomber designs under production. One, the Heinkel 119, is not underestimated. It is believed to be an improvement on the Heinkel 111. Germany's "stock" bomber.

But, while all Britain's 'planes have been successful in the jobs for which they were intended, Goering has had failures. His vaunted Dorniers, including the Flying Pencil branch of the family, failed so badly that they have been withdrawn.

With an eye to our purchases from the United States the Germans have designed a flying fortress. It is being made by the Focke-Wulf factory and is an improved version of the four-

engined Condor, occasionally seen over our coasts.

Easy For Spitfires

"It sounds like the answer to a Spitfire pilot's prayer," was one comment.

No details of new British types can yet be revealed.

New 'planes, with those coming in ever-increasing numbers from America, will make the R.A.F. a more terrific striking force than was imagined even a year ago.

While a 'plane can be mass-produced once it is started, it often takes months to build the first, because special machine tools must be manufactured or adapted.

As Goering's night hawk scatter bombs indiscriminately on Britain, our Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitneys have been systematically seeking out the German machine-tool factories. That's one reason why some of Hitler's much-lauded "future" 'planes are such a long time in taking the air.

Wilhelmshaven Base Left Waste Of Flames

'More Like Stoking Than Bombing'

AFTER THE FIRST WAVE OF BRITISH AIRCRAFT HAD ARRIVED OVER WILHELMSHAVEN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT IT WAS ONLY NECESSARY FOR THE STRONG FORCE WHICH FOLLOWED TO FIND THE DUTCH COAST, SAYS THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE.

From then onwards they were led by the glare in the sky right across Holland and 50 miles into Germany to a waste of flames which was all many pilots could see of the main base of the German North Sea Fleet.

Chief focus of attack was Bauhaven, where are crowded slipways, docks, engineering works, storehouses, assembling sheds, armour-plate shops, foundries, iron works, gun stores and a floating dock for the largest warships.

All this area was one raging fire.

A pilot said: "It was more like stoking than bombing. We just shovelled our bombs into the fires and watched them increase."

Two Attacks

Fires covered thousands of square yards within which lay a large proportion of Wilhelmshaven's military objectives. Huge explosions also were heard.

The first attack lasted from 8 p.m. till midnight.

The second attack, between 5 and 6 a.m. yesterday morning, started many new fires and also encouraged flames which were still burning.

Few targets in Germany are so well defended and pilots had to pass through a prodigious barrage. — Reuter.

Instance of Disaster

In the dry dock of Marinewerfte 24 submarines can be built at the same time and the harbour itself, with great floating cranes, was designed to take the largest warships.

The main railway station at Wilhelmshaven lies a few hundred yards to the south-west but there are power stations closer still both to the north and south of the harbour. To the east there are many naval barracks.

When they returned there was no need to ask pilots, which of this huge collection of objectives had been hit or set ablaze. Areas of raging fire which they reported covered thousands of square yards on each side of the harbour and a large proportion of the military objectives of Wilhelmshaven lay within the area.

At times the sleeping flames and black smoke above them obscured all detail but at intervals some signal instance of disaster prevailed above the general conflagration.

A minute after one pilot had seen his high explosive bombs burst there was an astonishing disturbance among the flames and debris was thrown by the explosion a thousand feet into the air. Three minutes later the same thing happened again.

The skeleton of a burnt-out building made a black silhouette in the midst of half a square mile of fire west of Bauhaven. By the power station to the north of the harbour the flames burnt even more fiercely than elsewhere.

Bright Moon

As the British aircraft left all such details were swiftly lost to sight but the blaze remained to light the sky behind them for 130 miles on the homeward journey.

This first attack of the night lasted from eight until soon after midnight. A second attack was made between five and six in the morning and pilots over at this hour saw the area still encircled by wide ramparts of fire.

Though the moon was still shining brightly the smoke of these fires hid part of the town but pilots had no real difficulty in finding their way to the naval dockyards and their attack was as successful within its limits as the previous large scale raid.

Last Message

The weather favoured both attacks and throughout the night visibility was excellent.

One pilot had the unpleasant experience of being held four times by searchlights while A.A. guns blazed away at him.

From an aircraft which is missing there came a last message home to say its mission had been completed.—British Wireless.

Mr. E. Smith, of No. 8, Hillwood Road, has reported the theft of a quantity of linen, valued at \$30, from his residence, between 3.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

The German public is wondering once more about when the much promised invasion of Britain is to take place.

The Nazi organ "Voelkische Beobachter" yesterday devoted a leading article in an attempt to "prove" that there has been no invasion because it is better to keep the people of the British Isles "under nervous strain" by a threatened invasion.

Neutral observers, however, say that the nervous strain is telling more on the Germans than on the British.

The Turkish newspaper "Ulus" says that the German Press, which has recently been urging immediate action before the United States help can materialise, has given a picture of a nation torn by anxiety and concern.

"Ulus" notes the resemblance with the position in 1917.

In 1917, the paper says, Germany dominated Europe but was faced with growing support for the Allies from the United States.

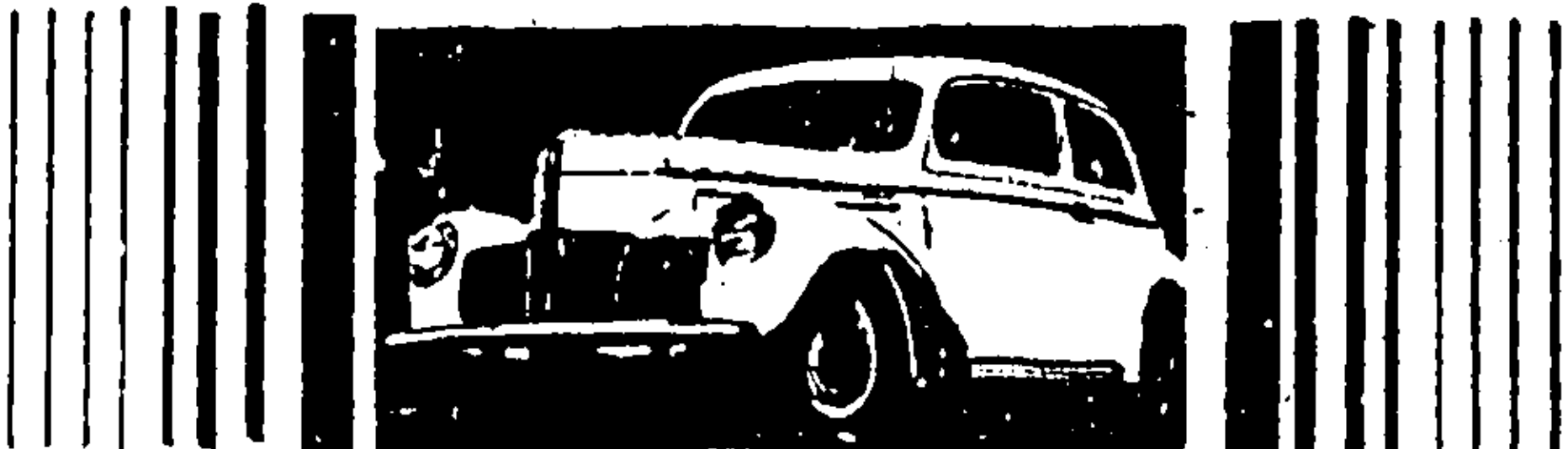
That was her undoing, and might well be again, for when a nation is forced to carry out her plans she is bound to lose half her chances of success. — Reuter.

NAVAL PROGRAMME APPROVED

The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday unanimously approved the request of the authorities for \$909,000,000 to spend on 400 relatively small new ships, mainly submarine chasers, minesweepers and torpedo-boats. — Reuter.

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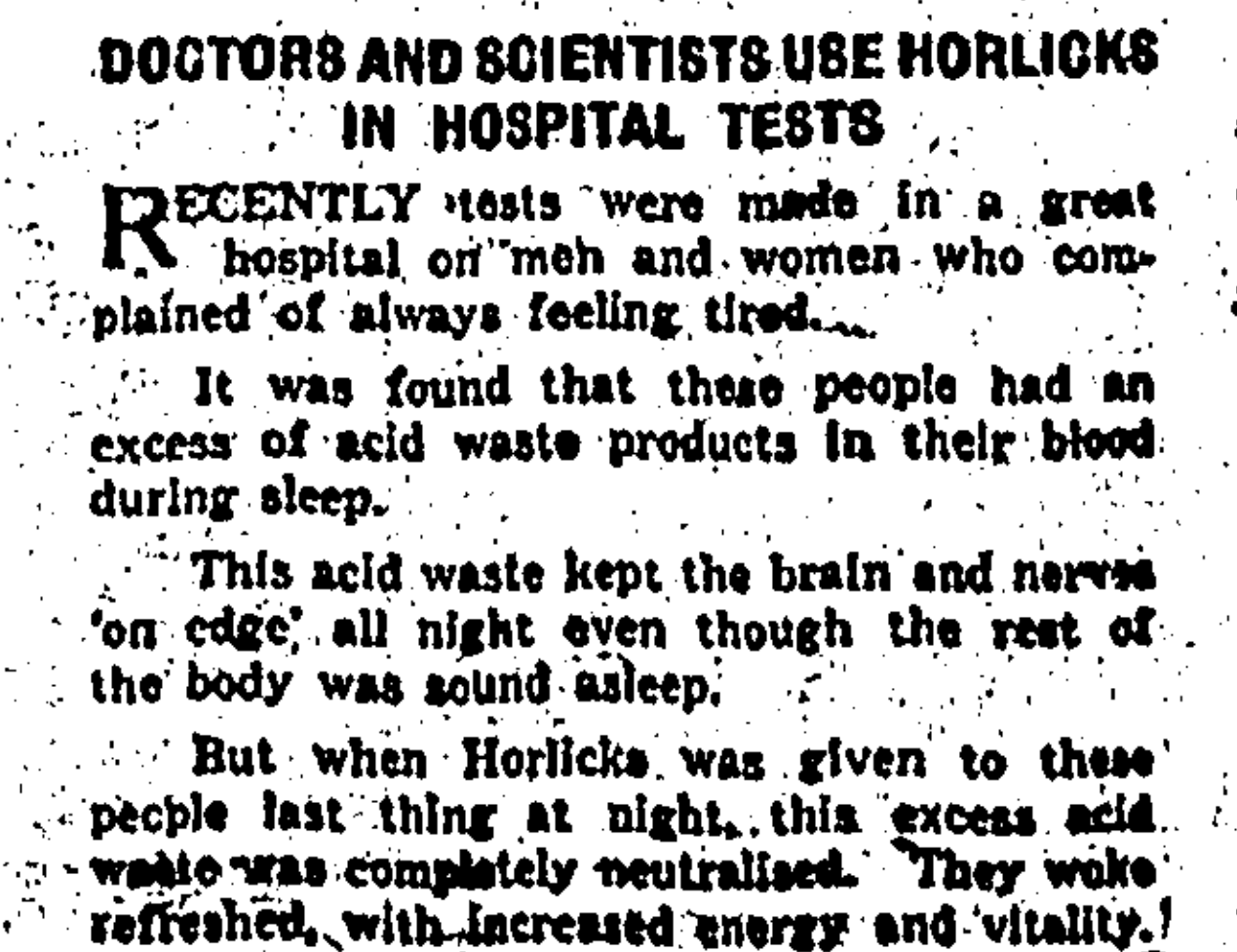
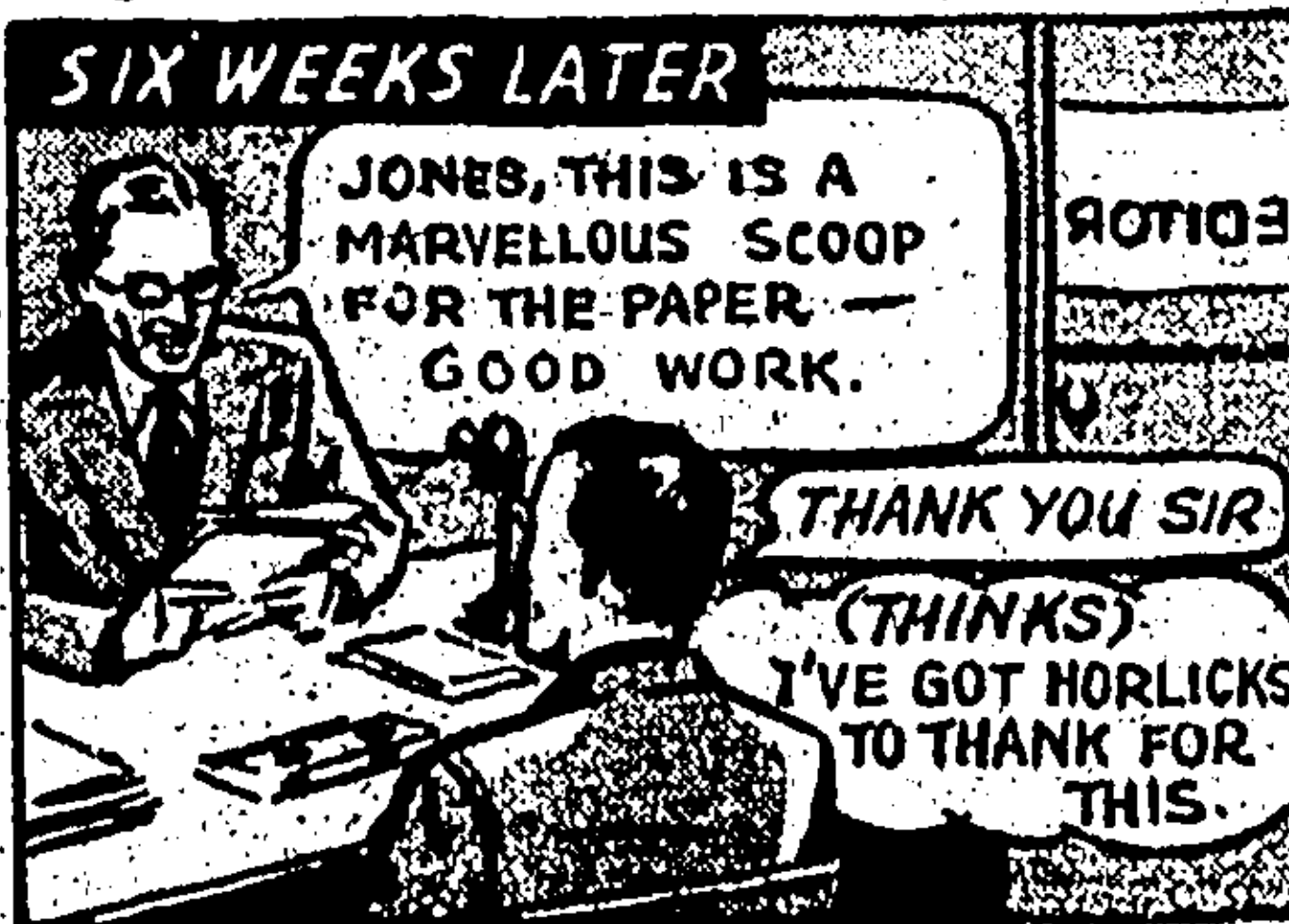
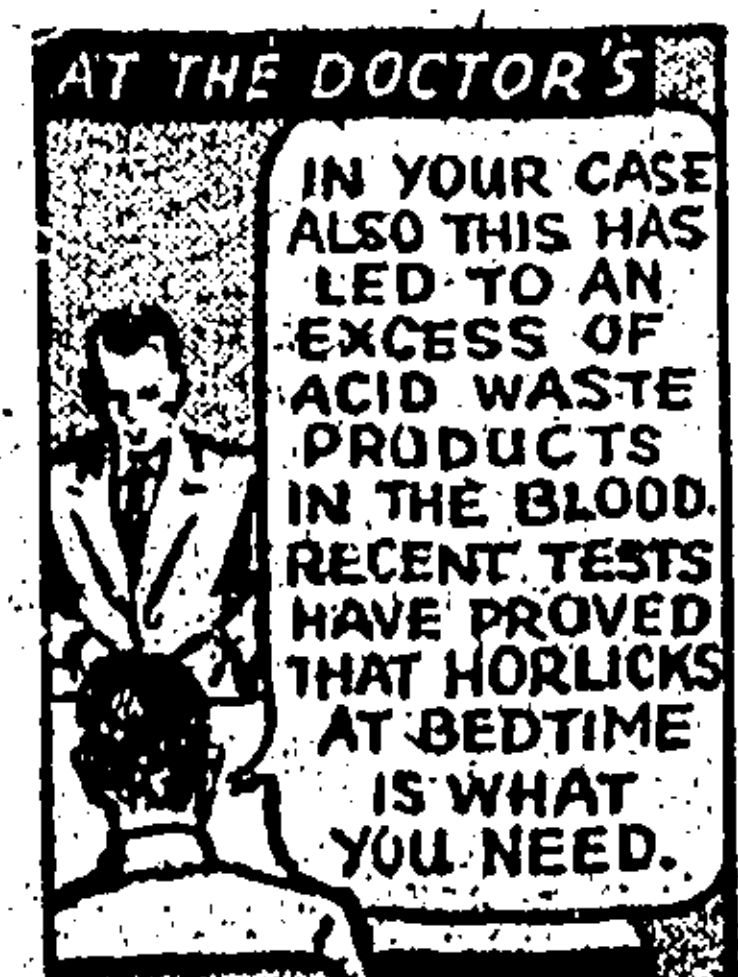
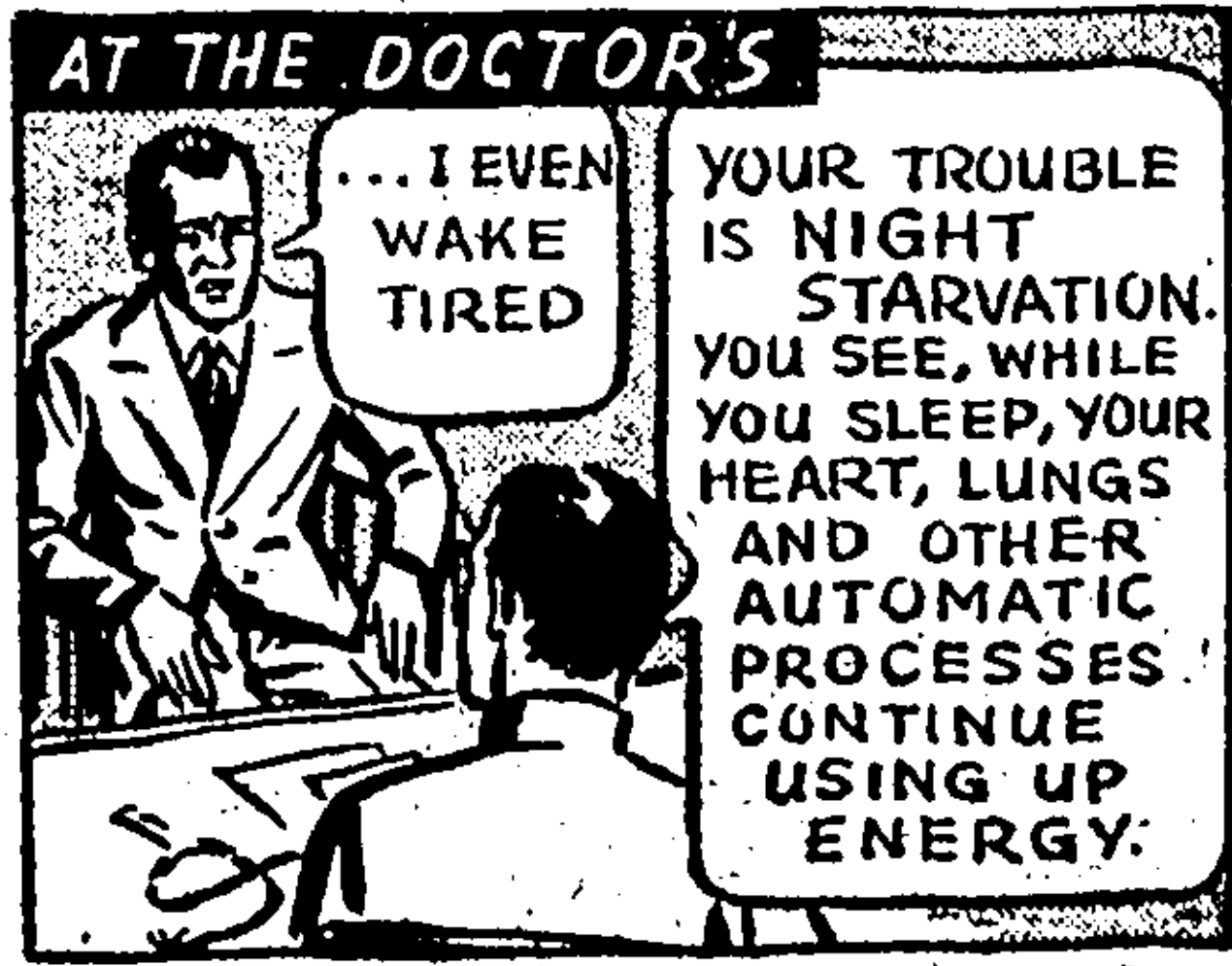
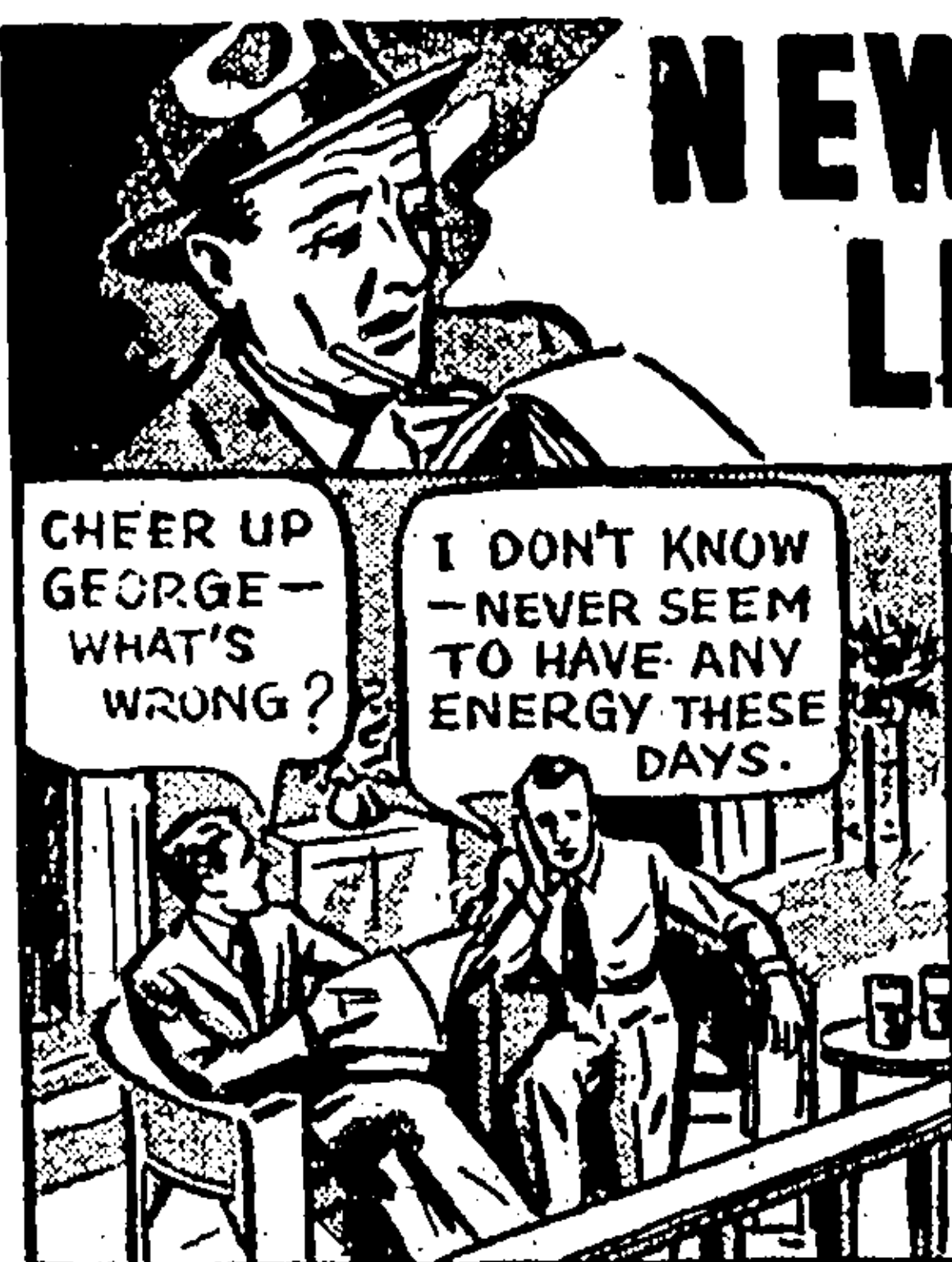
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The responsibilities of the Home Guard will increase "as more men of the Regular Army are sent to other theatres of war," Sir Edward Grigg, Under-Secretary for War, said at the opening of a new War Office training school for Home Guard commanders.

The Guards will be taught modern methods of warfare, Sir Edward added, and will be made familiar with most of the weapons used by the Army in case at any time they have to be mixed with regular units.

Sir Edward suggested that the motto of the Home Guard should be "Old and Bold."

Speaking of equipment Sir Edward said the War Office was doing its utmost to provide every Home Guard with battle dress during the next few weeks.

He announced that as the demand on the output of great-coats for the Army was so great, a trench cape had been devised as an alternative for the Home Guard.

The Guard now had a strength of 1,700,000, said Sir Edward. A large proportion were armed with the appropriate weapons, and this process would be completed in the near future with the assistance of the United States, which was doing its part in this respect, splendidly.

Sir Edward said he had been impressed with the organisation of the Home Guard; in many threatened parts of the country they had joined with the Army in holding defensive positions.

MOUSE, SYMBOL OF HOPE, HAD DIED

When a bomb fell on a London printing works, burying Francis Irish in the debris, his bride of three weeks refused to believe he was dead. Symbol of her hopes was a mouse, found unharmed amid the debris.

She gave it to her sister to keep for her while she watched the rescue party's efforts.

After seventy-two hours Irish was found—dead. Mrs. Irish collapsed. When her sister returned from taking her to hospital she found that the mouse, too, had died.

EXPULSION ORDER

Before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning, Chan Wing, 40, coolie, was charged with unlawful possession of three tricycle tyres and three inner tubes. Accused stated that the goods were given to him to carry by a man, who however, could not be traced. Accused was bound over and ordered to be expelled.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone now covers China, most of Japan and the neighbouring seas; it has decreased considerably in intensity, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze.

The depression has moved to the north-east of Hokkaido.

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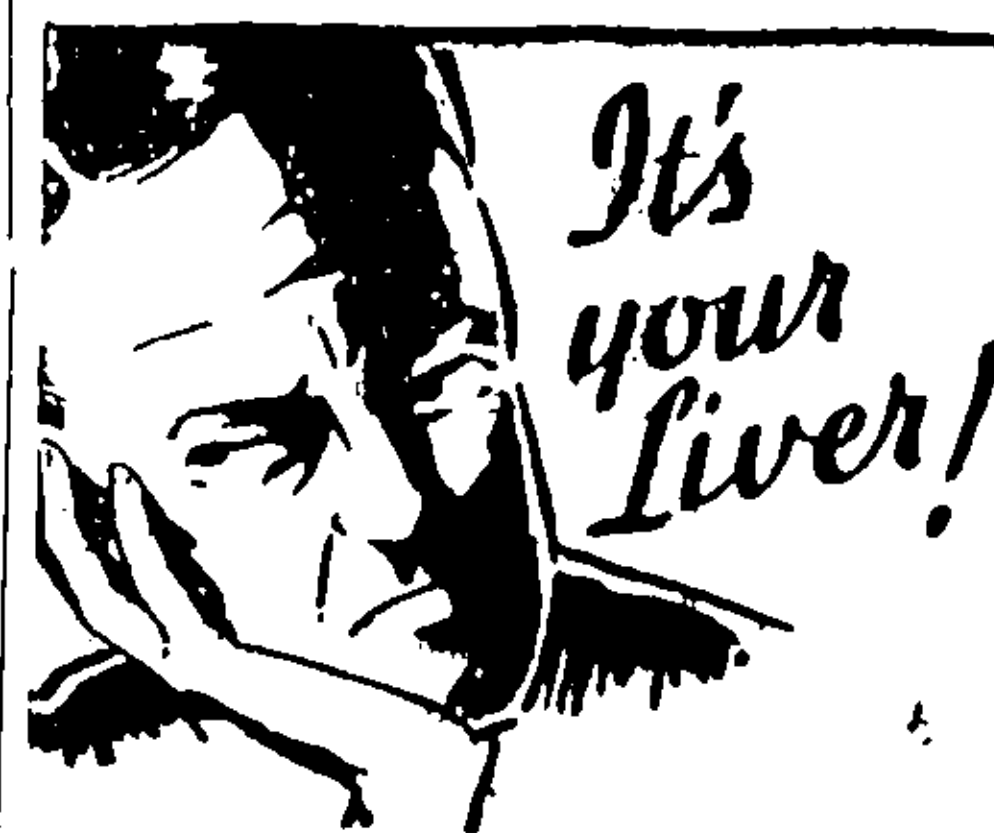
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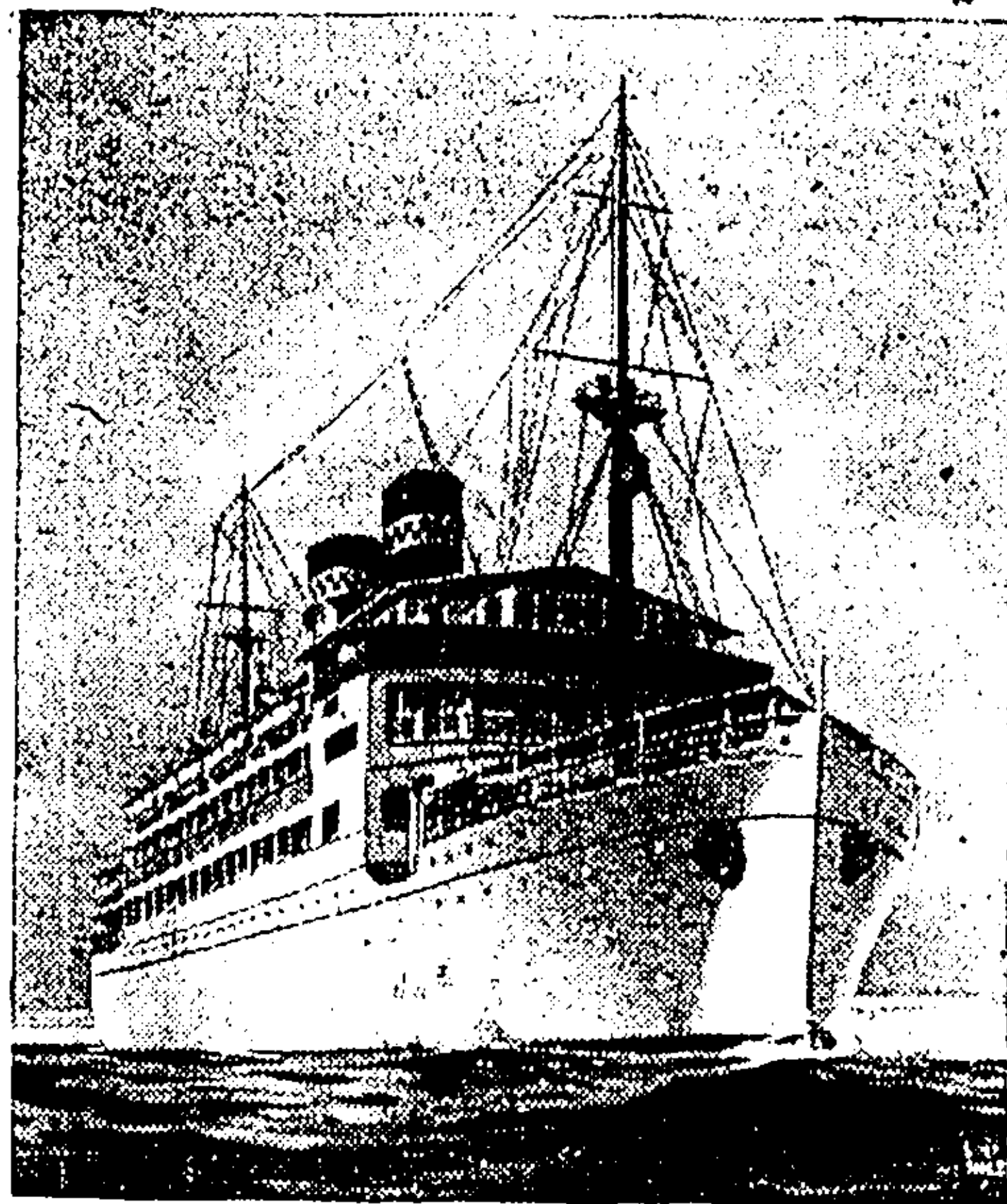
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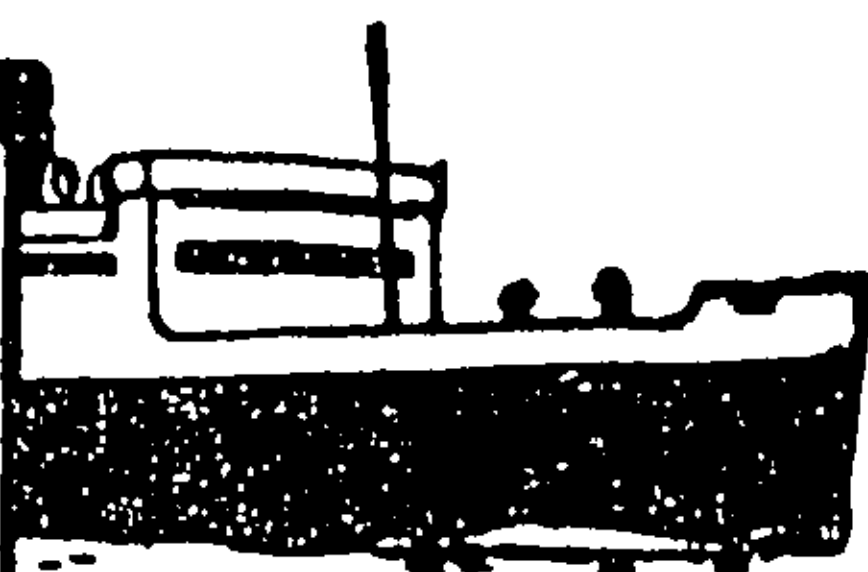
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12.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra
1.03 p.m.—John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

1.13 p.m.—The Boston Promenade Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—The Hill Billies (Vocal) and the London Piano-Accordion Band.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapio with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

1. Concerto in E Minor (Gurewicz); 1st Mov: Maestoso; 2nd Mov: Andante Sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Presto.

2. "Hona" Hungarian Czardas (Gurewicz).

8.23 p.m.—Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

One Alone (from "The Desert Song"—Römberg).

When You're Away ("The Only Girl"—Herbert).

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Theatreland".

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

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Helen Hicks, Patty Berg, Helen Dettweiler, and Opal Hill are among the leading players who have deserted amateurism. They all earn more than £1,000 a year, a tremendous lure to girls with the necessary golfing skill. The acquisition of a pleasant career is also attractive to these independently-minded young women.

The present national women's champion is Miss Betty Jameson, a Texas girl, who recently defended successfully the title she won last year. She won this year's championship at the famous Pebble Beach course, California, and a week earlier won the western women's championship. She is a sound player from the tees and fairways, and is a brilliant putter.

Texas has given the United States some of its greatest golfers. Besides Miss Jameson, I can recall Ralph Guldahl, Ben Hogan, Jimmy Demaret, and Harry Cooper as products of the "Lone Star State."

Beaten In A Final

The Hardscrabble (Arkansas) amateur championship is termed

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning —

SATURDAY	
Old Course	
2.00 p.m.	E. G. Price, P. Morrison
2.08	P. S. Cassidy, J. Fleming
2.20	H. A. Mills, A. B. Purves
SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	T. Low, W. W. C. Shewan
9.20	A. H. Guinness, H. A. Mills
9.24	L. Jackson, N. D. Lloyd
9.28	S. L. Lloyd, J. E. Richardson
9.32	K. S. Robertson, A. B. Purves
9.38	D. J. Valentine, J. Linaker
9.40	F. A. Redmond, Capt. Thursby
9.44	A. Sommerfelt, K. S. Morrison
9.48	J. B. Harrison, R. H. Chalmers
9.52	J. Harrop, G. Thomerson
9.56	H. N. Williamson, G. R. Horridge
10.00	G. M. Park, J. A. Parrish
10.04	R. Young, A. J. Dennis
10.08	J. A. D. Morrison, S. H. Dodwell
10.12	T. A. Pearce, T. J. J. Fenwick
10.16	J. S. Lee, M. G. Carruthers
10.20	J. Stenerson, F. A. Howard
10.24	B. O. Baldwin, P. M. Cotton
10.28	D. Humphreys, H. M. Rowland
10.32	W. S. Hillier, W. N. A. Smalley
10.36	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy
10.40	O. E. C. Marton, Col. Rose
10.44	I. H. Geare, F. D. Hunter
10.48	W. Hewitt, D. L. Prophet
10.52	E. A. R. Newton, P. Morrison
10.56	A. Pollard, A. Nicol
11.00	F. N. Merritt, M. F. Sterre
11.04	G. G. Alkenhead, A. C. Meredith
11.08	Lieut. Carter, A. M. Kennedy
11.12	Major Penfold, J. K. Bousfield
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	T. McGarry, P. V. McLane
9.32	Brig. MacLeod, Brig. Poffe
9.40	Capt. Reidy, Major Temple
10.12	D. L. Newbigging, R. D. Gillespie
10.16	J. F. Robinson, E. L. Groome
10.20	F. A. M. Elliott, R. C. Stewart
10.32	Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Smalley

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While there will be no ga usaying that Shanghai has suffered less by evacuation than Hong Kong, it is also a fact that they have lost a great many of their residents of the fair sex, many of them it is fair to assume, hockey players.

In view of this dithering among local lady hockey players as to whether a League should be run or not, therefore, the following extract from the "North China Daily News" might lend inspiration.

Following a meeting held on Tuesday night by the Shanghai Ladies' Hockey Association it was decided to continue competition in both the Senior and Junior leagues for another round. Another point brought up was the holding of an International league series later in the season when the league competitions are concluded. It was decided to hold the International series if sufficient support is received from such countries as Portugal, Russia, Great Britain, Palestine and the World which comprises the principal hockey playing nations this season.

The chief topic of discussion on Tuesday night was the extending of both leagues to a second round. Had the Association decided not to hold another round the A.S.P. "A" would have been the winners of the "A" division, with the J.A.C. the unbeaten victors of the "B" section.

But the title with the decision to play a second round, is now again hanging in the balance, and very much so. Although the A.S.P. emerged victorious in the senior division they found exceedingly strong competition from such teams as the "Greens," the Shanghai Ladies and the In Uno, and it is quite conceivable that the tables might be turned on them in their next meeting.

Betar Ladies Withdraw

The J.A.C. if their convincing victories in the first round can be taken as an indication of firm and strength, are almost certain of being able to hold their unbeaten record to win the league. There will be, however, one team less in the "B" division as the Betar eleven are withdrawing from competition as they will not be able to field a full team regularly.

In view of the leagues being extended and the proposed holding of the International series, which will be played on the knock-out plan, it was decided, after some discussion, not to hold the earlier intended knock-out tournament among the various aggregations. The International series will undoubtedly attract greater and keener interest not only from the participants but also from the followers of ladies hockey in Shanghai.

Full Support Hoped For

It was hoped that support will be forthcoming from five nations to form a tournament but should it receive poor response friendly games will be played with whatever International teams will be available. It was proposed to hold these matches during the Chinese New Year holidays, at the end of this month, and on week-ends when other matches are not scheduled.

The Association suffered badly from lack of competent umpires at the beginning of the season but has since then been able to raise a body of efficient officials who have been instrumental in improving the standard of ladies hockey in Shanghai.

Team To Be Chosen Before Chinese New Year

By "Adrem"

ALTHOUGH AT VARIOUS TIMES THERE HAVE BEEN MISGIVINGS AS TO THE PRACTICABILITY OF HOLDING A HOCKEY INTERPORT THIS YEAR, A MEETING OF HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HELD YESTERDAY DECIDED THAT MACAO'S INVITATION TO HONG KONG TO SEND A TEAM OVER IN THE NEAR FUTURE BE ACCEPTED.

Hong Kong have been asked to suggest a date and it is understood that March 2 will be submitted for the consideration of the Macao Hockey Club.

The question of service players making the trip has been gone into and is being further investigated. In view of the fact the local hockey is not dominated by the Services, as has been the case in some previous seasons, however the problem should not be a particularly big one and it is anticipated that permission will be obtainable for the small number that are likely to be selected.

Trials will be held shortly and it is hoped to select the team before Chinese New Year.

The following have been appointed selectors:—Mr. K. Husain, Lt. J. R. Pirie and Lt. Gunner, and arrangements for the Interport itself will be in the hands of Mr. V. M. Benwell, the Hockey Club captain.

International Tourney

Other business discussed last night included the annual International tournament, which, owing to the large programme still outstanding on the Tournament, will be left over for discussion until after the Interport.

An inquiry was held into the case of Fred Fowler, who was sent off the field during a recent game between C.B.A. and Recreio. Fowler was cautioned.

CHINESE R.C. MEETING

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold their annual general meeting at the clubhouse, Causeway Bay, on Sunday at 4 p.m. Among the items on the agenda are proposals to increase the entrance fee from \$30 to \$50 and to admit lady members.

and on week-ends when other matches are not scheduled.

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BORING FOR WATER FOR CRICKET GROUND

Efforts are being made to secure water at the Sydney Cricket Ground. An experimental bore has been put down by Mr. J. MacD. Royle, a boring contractor.

Mr. Royle is positive that water will be found in sufficient quantity for the requirements of the ovals and lawn tennis courts. He is prepared to carry out the work and be paid on the result achieved.

Some months ago Mr. Royle pointed out that sufficient water was available in the Moore Park area to supply the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Moore Park golf course. He will proceed with the work of putting down a bore on the golf course.

Surrounding golf courses and race-courses have secured a supply of water through bores.

CHESS ENTRIES

Seven entries for the Colony Open Junior Chess Championship have been received to date, it was revealed yesterday by Mr. A. Kurrik, secretary of the Colony Chess Championship Committee.

The players who have entered are D. Drake, R. C. Gardner, J. Grefalda, V. V. Kolatchoff, Wm. Lee, E. Petrov and A. C. Poupard.

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Big Course Expenditure

Mr. Fred Snide, sen., father of the "Man in the Iron Lung," has spent 47,000 dollars (about £14,500 in Australian currency) on new equipment for and improvements to the Elmhurst course near Chicago, which he bought early this year. This huge expenditure is reflected in the splendid condition of the course, which is the best in the Chicago area.

The committee at Elmhurst sets aside one day each year, usually at the end of the season, in aid of the club professional, who is given the day's takings. Several leading professionals are invited to play for a purse in the morning, and they pair with members in an afternoon, four-ball event. Each club member contributes three dollars for the day's play, and of this two dollars go to the club professional. Most of the clubs in the United States observe this custom.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings—

"A" Division

P. L. W.		P. L. W.
K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (University "A")	4 0 6	
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6 1 5	
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6 2 4	
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	2 0 3	
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	3 0 3	
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	2 1 2	
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3 1 2	
S. Amplananar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3 1 2	
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	6 4 2	
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gomes (Recreio)	0 4 2	
P. H. Wong and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	3 2 1	
P. H. Wong and T. W. Wong (Chinese "Y")	3 2 1	
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	3 2 1	
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	3 2 1	
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	6 5 1	

"B" Division

P. L. W.		P. L. W.
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	9 0 9	
E. P. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	9 2 7	
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	6 0 6	
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6 0 6	
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	6 0 6	
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12 6 6	
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	6 1 6	
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	9 4 6	
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	9 4 5	
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6 1 5	
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Norenha (Recreio)	6 2 4	
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	9 5 4	
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3 1 2	
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3 0 3	
C. C. Pereira and E. A. B. Alves (Recreio)	3 0 3	
V. D. Bright and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	3 0 3	
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3 0 3	
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3 0 3	
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3 0 3	
E. A. B. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3 0 3	
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6 3 3	
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3 1 2	
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3 1 2	
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3 1 2	
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2	
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3 1 2	
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2	
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2	
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3 1 2	

BADMINTON LEAGUE TABLES

"A" DIVISION

P. L. W.	F. A. Pts.	Games
University "A"	2 0 2	16 2 4
University "B"	1 0 1	7 2 2
Chinese "Y"	3 2 1	10 17 2
Recreio	2 2 0	3 15 0

"B" DIVISION

P. L. W.	F. A. Pts.	Games
King's	3 0 3	21 6 6
St. John's	3 0 3	21 6 6
K.C.C.	3 0 3	18 9 6
Chung Wah	3 1 2	19 8 4
Recreio	3 1 2	17 10 4
Kowloon Tong	4 2 2	18 18 4
V.R.C.	2 2 0	3 15 0
St. Andrew's	3 3 0	9 18 0
Police	3 3 0	6 21 0
J.R.C.	3 3 0	3 24 0

K.C.C. BEAT ST. ANDREW'S

Kowloon Cricket Club beat St. Andrew's by 5 games to 4, in a "B" Division Badminton League match on Wednesday.

Scores:—

A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's) lost to A. E. P. Guest and D. Hazell, 16-21; lost to A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat H. S. Jones and J. L. Anderson, 21-14.

T. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's) beat Guest and Hazell, 21-18; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 10-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-15.

M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's) lost to Guest and Hazell, 21-13; lost to Fisher and Wynter Blyth, 16-21; beat Jones and Anderson, 21-14.

P. L. W.		P. L. W.
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3 1 2	
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	3 1 2	
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3 1 2	
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	6 4 2	
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6 3 3	
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6 4 2	
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3 2 1	
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3 2 1	
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3 2 1	
O. el Arcull and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3 2 1	
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3 2 1	
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	3 2 1	
H. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	3 2 1	
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3 2 1	
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3 2 1	
A. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6 5 1	
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6 5 1	
J. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police)	9 8 1	

ONE HORSE ONLY UNDER AGA KHAN'S COLOURS

The Aga Khan, for many years owner of the biggest and most successful string of racehorses on the English turf, will next season be represented by only one horse, the three-year-old stayer, Winter Halter, who has three wins to his credit.

There is not a doubt that the Aga Khan intends to mark time on racing until normal conditions return. He is selling or retiring to the stud the remainder of his horses.

He ordinarily maintains at least 40 good-class and in many cases costly thoroughbreds in training at Frank Butter's Newmarket stable. The cutting down is due, he says, to financial obstacles created by currency restrictions.

His two colts, Turkhan, who is by Barham, and Stardust, finished first and second in the York-shire St. Leger—a substitute for the Doncaster St. Leger—which closed a difficult, but fairly successful, flat racing season.

The Aga Khan and his young French wife are in Switzerland. He recently complained that he was "broke." He was merely temporarily unable to obtain funds.

POLICE SOCCER XI FOR MACAO

The Hong Kong Police football team is leaving for Macao where they will meet a team from the Police Force in the third annual match.

The team will sail on Sunday morning and return on the following day.

Mr. A. R. S. Major will lead the team while Det. Sgt. N.B. Fraser will be manager.

Members of the side are Manning; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-Yu; Pope, Gough, North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Parker, Ferrier, Moss and Lau Pak-hung.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BIG SCORES BY ROACH AND BORG

By "Strike"

There was a remarkably brilliant performance at Duck Pins by Geo. Roach on January 9, as he played 12 consecutive games, and scored 100, 106, 105, 99, 87, 120, 156, 149, 137, 110, 85 and 144, a total of 1,398 pins or an average of 116.5 pins per game.

His scores in his seventh, eighth and ninth games, which were 156, 149 and 137, a total of 442, or an average of 147.3 pins per game, constitute by far the highest for three games in these Alleys—probably in the whole of the East as well.

His 156 is the highest score for this month.

It is interesting to note that this figure has only been bettered twice before in Hong Kong—by Mrs. E. Soong in March, 1939, with the record, 168, and Corp. H. Blount in October 1940 with 158. A Vasco of Tulsa also scored 156 in December.

Competition Games

The fifth match in the Singles Handicap Competition was played off on January 9, between C. M. Williams and Albert Odell. Williams' handicap was plus 43, and Odell's plus 17.

Williams won by 66 pins including his handicap, the scores being as follows:—C. M. Williams (net, 43) 563, A. Odell (plus 17), 502.

A sixth match was played on the same day, between Corp. H. Blount and M. L. Haymes. Blount's handicap was plus 17 and Haymes' plus 30.

Blount won very comfortably, despite his handicap, by 79 pins, the scores being:—H. Blount (plus 17) 590, M. F. L. Haymes (plus 30) 511.

It was generally expected that Blount would win as he is probably the best Ten Pin Bowler in the Alleys. He opened with two good scores 222 and 205 in his first two games. In his third he could only manage 163.

Haymes started badly with 121 and 142 but finished up strongly with a brilliant 209.

The seventh match was played on January 10, between S. A. Ismail and G. C. Dudley. Ismail's handicap was plus 26 and Dudley's plus 46.

Despite his heavy handicap Ismail won very easily by no fewer than 132 pins, the scores being, Ismail 501 and Dudley 369.

Ismail, of course, has had far more experience than his opponent but he bowled very consistently, his average working out at exactly 167.

Dudley is a comparative beginner and appears to require practice.

Wathen's Easy Win

The eighth match in the series was played the same day, between Corp. W. Wathen and L/Cpl. J. W. Dove, both of the Royal Corps of Signals. Both players' handicaps were plus 36, so they both started off level. Wathen won very easily by 83 pins, the scores being Wathen 390 and Dove 307.

On January 12 Bdr. Pidgeon and G. D. Woolgar were opposed to each other. Woolgar's handicap was plus 30 and Pidgeon's plus 5.

The scores were, Pidgeon 494 and Woolgar 435, a margin of 59 pins.

It was evident at the outset that the handicap was too severe for Woolgar as both players were very evenly matched, as is illustrated by the fact that Woolgar on a level basis would have won by only one pin.

On Monday L/Cpl. Hall of Royal Corps of Signals met W. Hewitt. Hall's handicap was plus 33 and Hewitt's plus 36 and Hall won by 70 pins—406-336.

It was expected that Hall would win and he did, but his scores could not, by the biggest stretch of imagination, be called good. Hewitt was playing his first match and I think that this was the cause of his lowly effort because he is certainly capable of better things.

On Tuesday A. W. Muenger met C. D. N. Walker. Both players

had handicaps of plus 36 and Muenger won rather easily by 69 pins, the scores being:—Muenger 440 and Walker 371.

Gold Star Beats Tulsa

The U. S. S. Gold Star and Tulsa were in action on Monday in a five-game Ten Pin match. The Gold Star won by 75 pins the scores being:—

Gold Star 2988, Tulsa 2913. Sunbury for Gold Star was top scorer of the match with 806, while Class of the same team was not very far behind with 791.

Borg of Tulsa scored 784, a low score for this player, who lately has been at the top of his form.

Cottle of Gold Star, who occupied the lowest place on the scoring-list, is a new player at Ten Pins and I understand he has never played in match games before.

Another Big Score

I commenced these Jottings by referring to the remarkable feat of Roach at Duck Pins. On January 15, however, his 156 was beaten by A. A. Borg of the Tulsa, who made a brilliant 159. This is the record men's score for Duck Pins in these Alleys and with a little more luck he might very easily have beaten Mrs. Soong's 168—the Alley record.

His score-sheet shows that he started off with a 10, then spare, strike, spare, eight, spare, 10, strike, spare, strike.

This is almost as good as a good Ten Pin score, and demonstrates what I have previously pointed out—a player can be a good Ten Pin Bowler as well as a good Duck Pin Bowler. Borg is proficient at both.

ARMY CRICKET TEAM

Following will represent the Army against Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo to-morrow.

Major Grosz (Captain), 2nd/Lt. T. A. Pearce, 2nd/Lt. J. L. C. Pearce, Lieut. Coombes, Sgt. Webb, Pte Hatfield, Capt. Lawrence Set. French, L/Cpl. Logan, L/Cpl. Stonor and L. A. C. Hawkins.

CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent Hong Kong Football Club against Police and Navy in the first and Second Divisions respectively of the Hong Kong Football League to-morrow:

1st XI (Boundary Street.)—Odell; S. H. Strange and J. Sloan; J. Skinner, Upton and H. Millington; F. Fowler, Davies, Reiersen, Scott and Bickford.

2nd XI. (Caroline Hill.)—Suter; McEwan and Grattan; Macfarlane, Gilchrist and Carr; Haynes, Foulard, Lodge, A. Odell and Hopkinson.



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Harvey Retains Snooker Title

By "Squaddy"

THERE are only three members of the Royal Engineers' football team in the Second Division of the Football League who have not scored a goal; their goalkeeper and two backs. (Moxham, T. Jones, and Tang Chung-pak.)

Association Football

To give these players an opportunity of scoring, the Sappers intend moving Jones and Tang Chung-pak into the forward-line. The first penalty that is awarded them will be reserved for Moxham, the goalkeeper. What if the penalty is going to decide the match? They will also be weakening their defence, which at the present moment they cannot afford to do although they are five points ahead.

With 11 matches still to be played, anything is liable to happen and the above moves might cost them the League championship.

Royal Scots will play Sing Tao on Sunday at Sookunpoo and they will have to give a much better performance than in their last three or four matches if they want to share, or even take points from Sing Tao who cannot afford to lose at this time, when they are fighting for League Championship honours.

Middlesex will have a hard game on Saturday against Kowloon, who are next to them in the League. The Middies are ahead of all the non-Chinese teams in this League and if they win this match, they will have a good chance of remaining in this position for the rest of the season.

Royal Army Service Corps are playing Middlesex juniors in the Preliminary round of the Junior Shield at Sookunpoo on Saturday. This should be an interesting match to watch as the last time they met, the game ended in a draw, each side scoring two goals after a very exciting match.

TO-DAY at Sookunpoo a trial match for the selection of the Army (British) hockey eleven will take place at 3.15 p.m. and the following have been selected to take part.

WHITE—L/Cpl. Windfield (Mx.); Sgt. Groston (R.E.) and Bdr. Anderson (R.A.); Cpl. Alsey (R. Scots), Capt. Hook (R.A.) and Capt. Skipwith (R.A.); S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.), Spr. Shaw (R.E.), Cpl. Hitchcock (R. Scots), Sgt. Denyer (R.E.) and 2/Lt. Clague (R.A.).

COLOURS—L/Cpl. Dove (Signals); Cpl. Painting (Mx.) and Cpl. Neve (R. Scots); L/Sgt. Waldron (Mx.), W.O.1 Ashmore (A.E.C.) and Bandmaster Jordan (R. Scots); Capt. Patterson (R. Scots), Pte. Sheehan (Mx.), L/C. Bright (Mx.), Gnr. Marshall (R.A.) and Capt. Douglass (R. Scots).

RESERVES—Sgt. Homberg (R.E.), Bdr. Barracough (R.A.) and L/Cpl. Govier (R.A.M.C.).

There are one or two noted players not included in this trial, but it is possible that the selection committee consider them good enough without further trial.

Among these players are Stickley of the Middlesex, who has represented the Army for the last three years in Hong Kong and has also been capped for the Colony; Sgt. Homberg, who is down as a reserve, is a good player with good ball control; and Sgt. Crowley, another Middlesex player, has played for the Army during the past three years and is an excellent centre-half.

ON Monday evening at the Soldiers' Club, Royal Army Medical Corps retained the Garrison Billiards Challenge Cup for the third year in succession, defeating the Corps of Military Police in the final by 788

points to 643. S/Sgt. Terran made the highest break of 30, he also made other breaks of 20 and 29, against L/Cpl. Chitt, who only scored 72.

Sgt. Whitton defeated Lieut. Dixon by 20 points after both took it in turns to be in the lead.

L/Cpl. Thomson also did well against Cpl. Harvey, who is the Medical Corps' best player, scoring 118 with a break of 22. Harvey made breaks of 24 and 22.

Remaining games were played between Sgt. Wyre, who lost to L/Cpl. Willis by 95 points, Pte. Howe, R.A.M.C., who defeated Capt. Hyde by 90 points, and Pte. Whybro, R.A.M.C., who defeated L/Cpl. Teggarty by 57 points.

On Tuesday evening the R.K.V.D. Corps won the Soldiers'

Club Tournament by defeating the Signals by 1,600 points to 798. This is the second time in the last three years that the Volunteers have won this trophy, and the tenth time since the competition was started in 1907. The best break of the evening was made by Hickman, with a good 55. Pereira made breaks of 27, 26, 20, and 36, and Baptista made three breaks of over 20. Hickman easily beat his opponent, who only scored 46 against his 200. Hutchinson and Liley of the Signals were the only members of the losers to score over 100.

Cpl. Harvey of the Medical Corps won the Amateur Snooker Championship for the second time in succession when he defeated Lieut. Dixon, R.A.M.C., by four frames to two on Wednesday at the Soldiers' Club. Harvey won the first frame by four points, Lt. Dixon the second by 24 points, and the third by 46. It looked as if Dixon would emerge winner at this period but Harvey rallied and won the remaining three frames

easily. Harvey 59—Lt. Dixon 46; Harvey 90—Lt. Dixon 23; and Harvey 66—Lt. Dixon 23.

To-night the Volunteers are playing the Medicals in a billiards Match in aid of the B.W.O.F. commencing at 6 p.m.

Owing to the Military exercises this week the Garrison Billiards League has not been completed and the following is the League table to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	18	18	0	0	106
R. Scots	10	14	2	0	87
R.A.S.C.	17	13	4	0	78
C.M. Police	16	8	8	0	59
R. Engineers	17	5	12	0	51
Signals	16	5	11	0	42
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	18	6	10	0	38
R.A.P.C.	15	3	12	0	33
R.A.O.C.	16	4	12	0	33
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	11	3	8	0	28

THE Large Units' Rugby league is due to start soon and some good games should be witnessed, especially

Rugby between the Combined Small Units, Royal Scots, and Combined Royal Artillery, who are the three strongest teams in this League.



The Combined Small Units team is mostly drawn from the Medical Corps. Lieut. Coombes is one of the Army's most dangerous three-quarters or halves and is sure of his place.

Capt. Scriven is a fine scrum-half and will most probably captain the Small Units' fifteen.

Pte. Macdonald is another player who this year has improved considerably; he has 'taken' the place of L/Bdr. Marsh in the Army team at right wing three-quarter.

Royal Scots have several Army players, including 2/Lieut. Millar, Pinkerton, and Ford, of the Army pack.

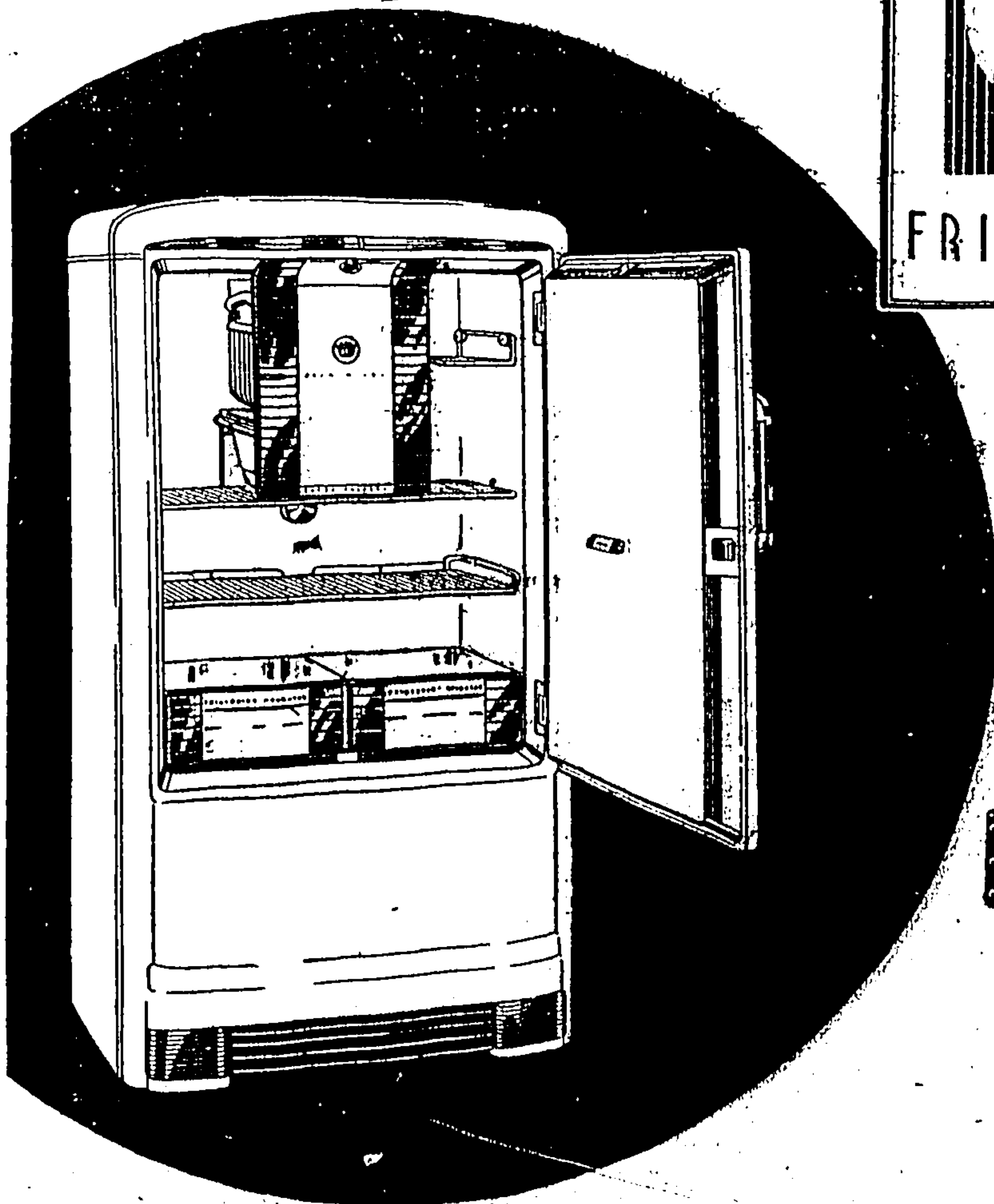
Cpl. Sutherland, and Capt. Douglass, the Army centre-three-quarter, is playing at fly-half for the Scots and the remainder of the Royal Scots' fifteen consist of their 'A' and 'B' team players.

The Combined Royal Artillery have a number of selections and should be able to produce a strong team. They have a few outstanding players in Lieut. Clague, the former Army full-back, who is certain to fill this position for the Gunners.

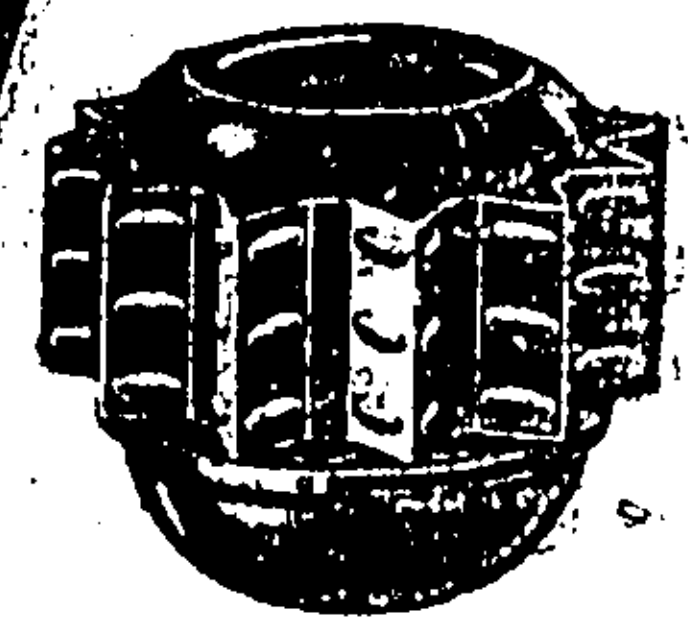
Capt. P. J. Skipwith, who has recently recovered from a leg injury, 2/Lieut. T. A. Pearce, L/Sgt. Marsh, and Bdr. Richards, will in all probability form the three-quarters line.

Among their forwards the Gunners have good, speedy players in 2/Lieut. Bompas, 2/Lt. Eddison, who will be hooker, and L/Bdr. Turner, who is a fine wing-forward.

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MIDDLE EAST RAIDS

30 Enemy Aircraft Left Burned Out On Ground

WRITING ON THE WALL

Hitler will be broken against the iron will of the British people," declared the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, speaking at Glasgow yesterday.

Britain will not be his next victim, he said, "but one country which is in real peril of complete Nazi domination is Italy, brought to the edge of destruction by the infatuated ambition of Mussolini."

The Abyssinians were now in arms and he hoped there would not be a long wait before they regain their independence.

"Fascism is doomed and friends of Italy must hope that the strong Italian forces will break the grip of the Fascist bosses before they drag Italy down with them into German slavery."

Formidable Enemy

Uttering a word of caution over the victorious achievements in Libya, Sir Archibald said that behind the defeated armies of Italy loomed the huge armies of Germany—there was most formidable enemy.

"Something else has happened too," he added. "The great Republic of the United States has taken its stand for freedom against Nazism. If Hitler and his German dupes dare raise their eyes they will see the writing upon the wall of Congress—the Aid to Britain Bill."—Reuter.

Fascism Doomed

Sir Archibald said the Italian official wireless boasted on Decem-

HEAVY RAID BY R.A.F. ON BENGHAZI

BETWEEN THIRTY and forty German and Italian aircraft were burned out or severely damaged during the R.A.F.'s initial raid on Catania airport in Sicily on Sunday night, it is now revealed.

Italy's principal Libyan port, Benghazi, was heavily raided both on Monday and Tuesday nights.

These disclosures are made in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo last night. Describing the Benghazi raids, the communique says that the main mole of the harbour was heavily bombed and large fires were caused among the buildings around the Customs House.

A heavy explosion occurred at the base of the Mole. Other bombers hit buildings on the quayside and straddled the Government buildings. Shipping was also attacked.

On their return journey, the R.A.F. raiders machine-gunned Benina aerodrome and two enemy aircraft were set on fire and damage was caused to a number of others.

No Opposition

In the forward area (of the British advance into Libya) between Tobruk and Derna, our fighters maintained constant patrol but no engagements with the enemy took place.

Photographic reconnaissance over Catania (Sicily) showed that the raid carried out on Sunday night was more effective than was first thought. Between thirty and forty aircraft could be seen, either burned out or severely damaged. One hangar was completely wrecked, another was very badly damaged and a third had been hit.

Administrative buildings at the air base had been heavily damaged and bomb craters were observed on the aerodrome.

The communique also records that raids were made in Italian East Africa against stores at Assab on Tuesday night and against Asmara the previous night, and reports that from all the operations, all but one fighter, shot down in Libya, returned safely. — Reuter.

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Yesterday afternoon, Wong Kong-Kit, 23, was found to have stowed away in the store room of a British ship about to sail.

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning accused was fined \$30.

Accused alleged that he had paid \$200 to a seaman who agreed to "smuggle" him to Calcutta where his family was.

SOLDIER ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

Private Frank Kenneth Jacobs, of the Royal Army Medical Corps was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning with having had carnal knowledge of a Chinese girl.

No plea was taken and accused was remanded for one week in military custody.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

LADY CLARK KERR IN COLONY

Lady Clark Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador to China, arrived yesterday from Shanghai at Government House, where she is expected to stay for a few days.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fair generally.

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Rugger At Sookunpoo



Breaking loose from a scrum in the Gunners' Rugby trial.



Another incident in the Gunners' Rugby trial.



A trial match was played at Sookunpoo on Saturday in order to select the Gunner team for the Army Large Units' League. Forwards jumping for the ball in a line-out.



The Free French Legion of the Orient now serve beneath two flags. The Free French banner and the Union Jack were presented to the men during a ceremony at Ismailiah. High British and French officers, and the British Ambassador Sir Miles Lampson, were present at the ceremony. Well drilled Legions of men shoulder arms and salute in background as the standard bearers raise the flags. (Copyright, Fox).



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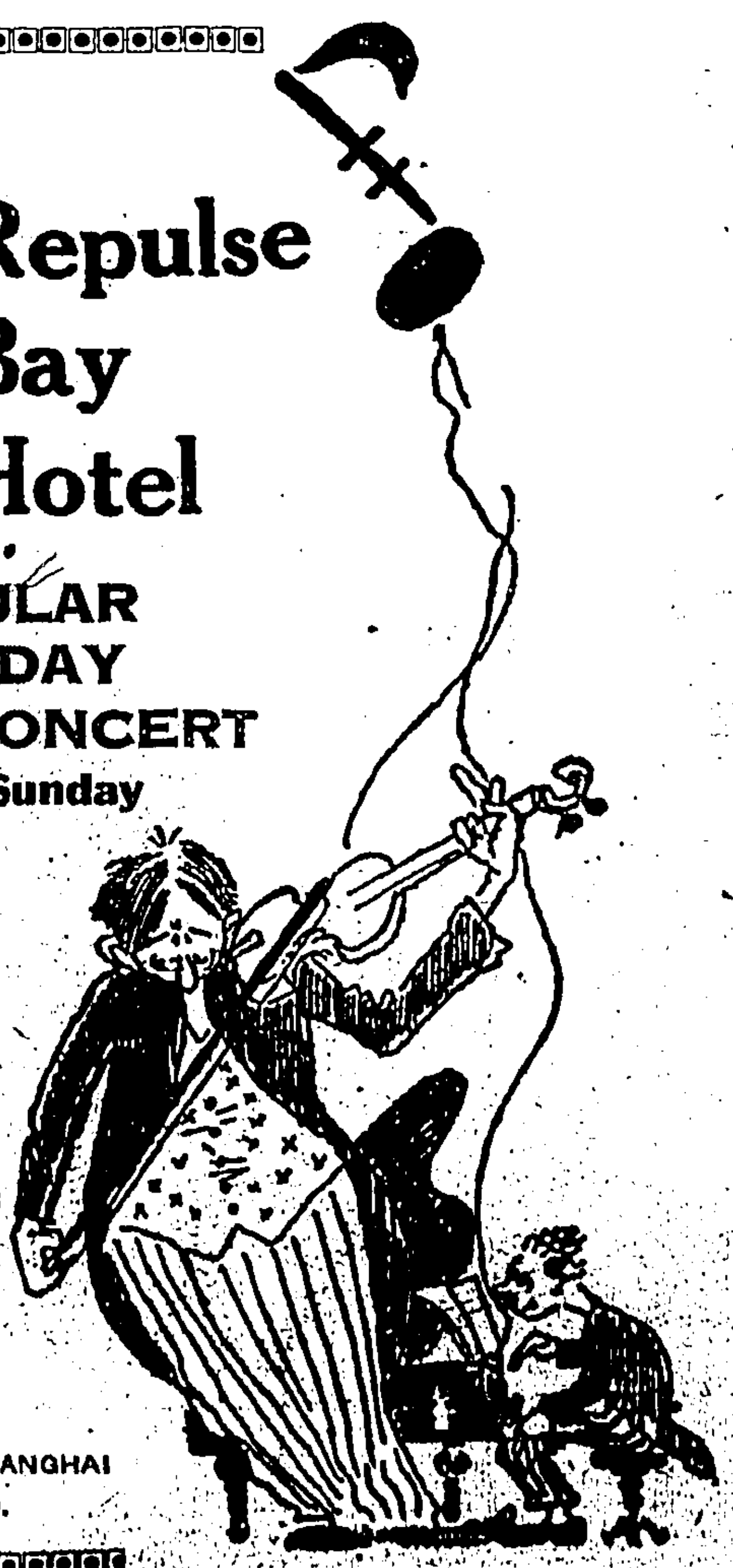
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SHORT STORY

Love's Sweet Song By Mark Hellinger

SHE had a mouthful of hairpins, and her hands made exquisite doll-like motions on top of her head. Meanwhile, she kept reading and re-reading the little telegram that stood against the vanity mirror.

"I love you. Stop. Arrive three-forty-two. Union Station. Stop. I love you. Stop. Be there on time or I'll break your lovely neck. Stop. I love you. Bob."

When she was ready she folded the telegram carefully and put it in her purse. Then she gave herself a final critical glance, and stepped out of the apartment.

It was exactly three o'clock, and the station was only five blocks away. So she walked it. Her pretty little brain was full of the romance of this situation. For breathes there a woman with soul so dead who never to herself has said:

"Gee, he sure is nuts about me!"

She and Bob had been in love for a long time. Bob was a tremendous chap, with wavy hair and very blue eyes. He was impetuous. He wanted to do great things. He wanted to make millions—and he was willing to devote at least ninety days to the job.

He wanted to marry her. Now. This instant. He wanted to stand in the centre of Times Square and kiss her. He was that crazy a guy.

But Marion wasn't that daffy. Two years before, when he had an offer to work in an Oklahoma oil-field she had told him to go. Go, Bob. Concentrate on work. Try it for two years. And after that, if you still want me, I'll marry you. Because, darling, I love you.

Bob didn't like it. He wanted to marry first, and then go to the oil wells. But Marion won. And she had stood in this very station two years ago, sobbing bitterly as his train pulled out. She was sure he'd forget her; sure that he'd never come back. But she was wrong. Dead wrong. Bob not only remembered, but his love flourished with absence. It grew until time staggered and he despaired of living through the two long years.

And now he was coming home. This crazy, wonderful kid who had never stopped loving her for an instant.

Marion sat down in the waiting-room and opened a magazine. Her eyes skimmed over the pages and the advertisements and the story illustrations. But her mind saw

none of the things her eyes reflected. Her mind was on Bob.

She looked around. An old man sat next to her. He needed a shave and his whiskers were coming out very grey. He slept. His pince-nez had fallen to his vest, but his hands still held the paper firmly. Another old man sat farther down, meticulously cleaning his finger-nails with a small file and wiping the cleanings on his coat sleeve.

Across the way a woman with a red hand was trying to get a little boy to spit out a penny he had in his mouth. He kept shaking his head. A young fellow with a nice profile was pencilling a time-table. After a moment he walked out. Towards the street.

Marion saw all these things rather vaguely, and then went back to her magazine. She was flipping through the pages once again—pages that couldn't hold her interest—when she suddenly felt what is known as a presence. She looked up, and out of her came a little, high-pitched squeal.

She jumped to her feet, and the big oaf in front of her picked her up and whirled her in a circle.

"Darling!" he cried. "Oh, Marion, my darling!"

The old man who had been sleeping came to suddenly and dropped his paper. The big chap pressed Marion to him. Then he set her down carefully, as you would a thin china teacup.

"You look wonderful," he exclaimed. "Beautiful!"

"Just a minute," Marion shouted. "It's my turn to look at you." He stepped back stiffly, chin up. She placed her fingers beside her cheek and studied him in mock seriousness. Then she grinned.

"You'll do," she laughed.

He scowled heavily.

"I'd better," he returned, in a deep voice. "I've been waiting for you for a long time, and I'm a very dangerous man to put off." He leaned down and kissed her briefly. "As a matter of fact, I feel a rampage coming on right now."

"Grrrrr!" He bared his teeth. "Look out for me, young lady. Grrrrr! I'm the wildest man you ever knew!"

The only people who did stop to watch them were the people who were rushing for trains. One skinny woman looked at them for a moment and then turned up her nose. "Huh," she said. "Exhibitionists!"

But they didn't care. They talked in circles, asking each other about whozis and whatzis. And between their questions and answers there was very little of a sensible relationship.

"Listen," he suggested, "how about grabbing something to eat while we talk?" He stretched his arms. "How would you like a steak this big? I used to know the finest place you—"

His voice trailed as Marion pouted.

"I'm disappointed in you," she said. "How can you think of food at a time like this?"

He stepped back.

"Me?" he said. "Why, darling, I'm not even dreaming of eating."

I just wanted to make sure that you weren't hungry. That's all."

He looked at his watch.

"Say," he cried, as though he just made a sensational discovery. "I've been standing here four minutes—and I've only kissed you once!"

She tried to push him away, but he kissed her several times.

"Let's find a quiet spot," he said seriously. "Some out-of-the-way place where we can sit for hours and talk. I've got so much to tell you. And beside, I want to look at you alone." He waved airily at the station. "Without all these yaps sharing the look."

She shook her head. "Let's sit here," she suggested.

"Oh, no," he said. "You've put me off before, Marion. But not this time. Long time no see, my darling. So now we go somewhere."

He tried to take her arm.

"No, please," she said seriously. "I'm sorry, but I can't. I'd like to. But I really can't."

He frowned.

"Give me one good reason," he demanded.

She shrugged.

"I'd really like to, Joe," she said honestly, "but it just can't be done. I'm waiting here to meet an old boy friend named Bob, and then I have to hurry right home and cook my husband's dinner."

This Misery Of Dust

Bombing brings us back to many primitive things, of which dust is not the least, a minor horror of war, but none the less disgusting. It is, in normal times, surprising that there should be so much dust in the world; a room is cleaned, the windows are shut, not a breath stirring, and yet, in a few hours, the shelf that was dustless is dusty again. Housework is a series of repetitions. Whatever is done has soon to be done again, but at least in the case of cups and plates we know who and what have made them dirty. But in the case of the dusty bookshelf the dirt is simply a mystery, and a mystery which magically defies all the laws of nature. Dust arrives without a cause; gaze at a shaft of sunlight and you see that it has discovered, with its endless flutterings, the secret of perpetual motion. Dust adores a vacuum, and though harassed by a vacuum cleaner it is certainly not exterminated by that assiduous persecutor of unnecessary matter.

If such be the quantity, and pertinacity, of dust, in ordinary circumstances, it is only to be expected that abnormal percussions and explosions will provide a dust-storm of immeasurable size and unquenchable ferocity. All premises adjacent to a bomb-fall are immediately submerged in a Sahara of powdery grit. I am myself now writing with all my books and properties carrying an inch or two of this odious deposit, and were I to consult an oracle or seek a quotation I might as well

send out for the effects and equipment of an African explorer or Mesopotamian guide. It is fashionable now to talk of bombed areas being "plastered", sitting among collapsed ceilings, with their raw material lying about in tumbled plenty, one appreciates to the full the meaning of that word.

This form of disaster is especially objectionable to the British because we are more accustomed to the curse of wetness and of slime than to the plague of drought and dust. If we were not so used to mist and mud, perhaps this nuisance would be less of an irritation to the throat as well as to the temper. To put up with dust-storms with equanimity one has to be a Dry Bob from birth; but we are not Bedouins and do not regard a patch of trees and a spring of water as a rare gift of the gods, precious beyond rubies and to be treasured as the scanty scourge of life itself. If we were it would not seem so strange or so unpleasant to recover one's property from beneath the sands of the desert. But chance has made us Wet Bobs whose notion of life, at least in winter, is expressed in terms of mudguards, Wellington boots, and foot-scrappers at the front door.

By Ivor Brown

The conquest of dust in this country appeared to be completed by the metalled roads of the motorist. During the early years of automobilism the driver prepared to be "plastered" by equipping himself with a peaked cap, and special spectacles, while his ladies did actually veil themselves as though for an Arabian excursion and a ride on camelback across the burning sands. The unfortunate cyclists and pedestrians who were passed by the Panhard or Daimler of those days were engulfed in a tornado of powdered elements of road surface, and what they suffered then one occasionally rediscovers in some foreign country now—or after bombing.

When we are struggling through mud we think of it as the foulest of our pests, but at least the stuff is limited to one level. It does not gather in clouds, fly up, then settle again. It does not clog the breathing tubes as well as trap the feet; it may splash into the eye, but it does not continually invade it. Ask the inhabitants of our few dusty areas—say, for example, the coast of the Fylde on a windy day, whether they would rather live among ditches on dunes, moorland, or on the dry wastes of the desert, and they would probably vote for the damp alternative.

We use the word "mud" as a term of abuse, but out of mud came civilisation. It was in the flood land of the Nile, where barren sand is periodically turned to fertile earth, that the secret of

agriculture was revealed by some person of genius who saw that what Nature did with the wild corn man might also copy with the tame. So the vagrant, food-gathering life of the desert nomad was exchanged for the static, food-growing life of the new-made farmer and citizen. Egypt, where civilisation arose and whence it began to flow, came to its birth among the sand whose amazingly dry air has preserved so many of its marvels for us to excavate and admire unspoiled. But the dry sand only preserved what the wet mud made. Egypt did not, in fact, arise from the desert, where its Sphinx and Pyramids are laid; it was the child of the river. Nefertiti, exquisite relic and symbol of that young civilisation's quick grace, sprang far more surely from the Nile than did Venus from the sea. When one thinks of that amazing dawn of the human spirit it is strange to reflect that its name, as they say, is Mud.

The floor and the slime which it left for the receipt of seed were not a plague, but a yearly blessing. Moreover, we still use the word created to describe a lonely well with trees around it as the abiding symbol of beatitude and consolation. Egypt, through its recurring gift of water, became an oasis in the barren world, just as the occasional spring was an oasis in the desert. So there may be an ancestral instinct in man's constant use of dust as the symbol of the great enemy, of death, of decay, and of the ruin of all richness and all beauty.

Man has fought his watery way out of the torrid waste of sands which surrounded and obstructed his first efforts to grow up. Today, in the warring Middle East, dust is more than ever the foe and water more than ever the goal and the companion. "Dust and ashes, dead and done for," cried the bard of old, and dust (with or without ashes) is more likely in the end to destroy an army than that mud which has been the terror of the fighter in Europe. We in the North think of water as the element which chiefly prevents invasions and checks the would-be conqueror. But the greater scourge of the adventurous has often been the dry land, not the wet. As many have been checked by earth's lack of water as by water's lack of land. The primal curse of man was supposed to be a Deluge; but was much more probably dust. And to dust, in more senses than one, does this modern bombing lead us back.

It is all the more odd, then, that dust should also have become a symbol of inconsistency. "Characters writ in dust!" and "letters traced on sand!" are frequently made the types of the fleeting faith and of the idle, unregarded word. Yet, as the bombed-out soon discover, there is nothing more enduring and hard to shake off than a good heavy shower of this same article. That is what every world, man or at least every housewife, has always known.



AMONG THE CLOUDS—The excitement of air combat is in our fighter pilots. There is a new world of astonishing beauty, formations above the lower cloud layers patrol in an aerial war at a height of more than six miles. (Copyright, Fox).

Will Sea Power Win?

As a result of a determined and highly successful attack which reflects the greatest honour on the fleet air arm, only three of the Italian battleships now remain effective. This result, while affecting decisively the balance of naval power in the Mediterranean, also carries with it reactions upon the naval situation in every quarter of the globe.—From Prime Minister Winston Churchill's report to the House of Commons, Nov. 13, 1940, concerning the British attack on the Italian naval base at Taranto.

WHEN Adolf Hitler said on the first anniversary of the war, "They are very inquisitive in England and ask: 'Why doesn't he come?' Calm yourself; we will come," the walls of the Berlin Sportpalast were simply re-echoing the wish voiced by Napoleon 135 years ago.

With 130,000 soldiers massed about Boulogne ready to invade England, the French Emperor declared: "Let us be masters of the Strait for six hours and we shall be masters of the world."

Naval weapons have changed since Trafalgar, but naval principles remain much the same. History supposedly teaches that whoever rules the waves rules the world. This aphorism was firmly rooted during the closing years of the nineteenth century in the writings of an American naval officer named Alfred Thayer Mahan. He was the author of several weighty works on the influence of sea power upon history, each of which packed the intellectual displacement of a dreadnought.

Mahan was a scholarly appearing man whose softness of speech and manner made him seem more at home in the New York Public Library, where he gathered material for his first book, than on the windy quarterdeck of the old cruiser Chicago which was his last sea command.

The first book, "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, 1660-1783", made a profound impact on the minds of statesmen and world military figures of his day. Cambridge and Oxford awarded Mahan honorary degrees. The German Kaiser placed a copy of the book in every wardrobe in his fleet. In time, even Americans

came to see some merit in Mahan's works.

The United States Navy Department appointed him to the faculty of its Naval War College — after a long controversy as to whether there should be any war college in which Mahan might teach.

Mahan is credited with having done more than any other individual to bring about the naval building race between Britain and Germany which culminated in 1914. Yet one of the first reactions to Mahan's first book was that it was old stuff. Some people said about everything Mahan touched on could be found in Jomini's "History of the Wars of the French Revolution." This is the way with all prophets.

The author of "The Influence of Sea Power" didn't deny the influence of Jomini on Mahan. Admiral Mahan said at the time his purpose had been to write "a critical military history of the naval past, not a chronicle of naval events."

Mahan's footnotes are replete with Jomini. Here is a significant one from "Influence of Sea Power":

An interesting proof of the weight attributed to the naval power of Great Britain by a great military authority will be found in the opening chapter of Jomini's "History of the Wars of the French Revolution." He lay down, as a fundamental principle of European policy, that an unlimited expansion of naval force should not be permitted to any nation which can be approached by land—a description which can apply only to Great Britain.

This footnote could hardly have escaped the Kaiser's notice. The German salves which rocked the British Empire at Jutland punctuated the pre-World War policy of Germany not to permit Britain's sovereignty at sea to go unchallenged. The explosion of 1914 found Germany with a powerful fleet in being, and it had completed widening the Kiel Canal shortly before Sarajevo.

Briefly, Mahan's main thesis was that as between sea power and land power, a relentless sea blockade has always proved more

decisive than an invincible land army. That is what he meant to show by analysing the nature of the struggle between England and France, which he said "nearly ruined Great Britain, but entirely ruined Napoleon." He showed how slow and unspectacular are the effects of a sea blockade, but how inexorable and, in the end, how decisive is the economic strangulation wrought by this unseen force. As Mahan said, in what were to become his most widely quoted words: "Those far-distant, storm-beaten ships, upon which the Grand Army never looked, stood between it and the dominion of the world."

To-day no such formidable array of sea power as that offered by the combined fleets of France and Spain at Trafalgar, or by the German High Seas Fleet at Jut-

By HARLAN TROTT

land a century after, confronts the British Navy. But the threat which Nazi air power presents in waters within easy bombing range of German-held air bases may be just as grave. For in discarding the rule laid down by Jomini, and reiterated by Mahan, no one can yet say whether Hitler has guessed wrong; that is, whether air power will fail to break the present deadlock between a nation supreme on the sea and a nation supreme on land.

In the present struggle between British sea power and German air power, the threat of a sudden knockout by Goering's air armada hangs constantly over the British Isles. In these tense times, when night after night the raiders drone over darkened London, it is heartening to re-read Mahan.

For those of us who run as we read, the first chapter in Mahan's first book will go far to explain the many unseen facets of British resistance that have thus far thwarted Hitler's coming. In fact, an enthusiastic British critic is reported to have said of Mahan's first book that its essence was in its first 80-odd pages. The rest was historical documentation.

By present standards, much of Mahan's writing seems ponderously pedantic. But there are moments deeply moving in their emotional appeal. Of Nelson, Mahan wrote tenderly, almost reverently. He breathes into his description of the Battle of Cape St. Vincent the very spirit of the Nelson who leaped, sword in hand, through the sternports of the Spanish Admiral's cabin to overpower the foe at the head of the British boarding party. But for the most part, Mahan's works lumber soberly along.

The principal conditions affecting the sea power of nations may be enumerated as follows: 1. Geographical position. 2. Physical conformation, including, as connected therewith, natural production and climate. 3. Extent of territory. 4. Number of population. 5. Character of the people. 6. Character of the government, including therein the national institutions.

These are the "elements of sea power" upon which Mahan elaborated with painstaking thoughtfulness in the opening pages of his first book. He showed how Britain's position in respect to these six conditions made her strong at sea, and how much more far-reaching was her sea power than the land power of Napoleon.

Mahan attributed this same favourable balance of elements to Britain's position at the opening of the World War. Shortly before his passing in 1914, he said: "The British fleet holds the decision in its hands, as in the days of Napoleon."

Mahan voiced this opinion in the face of the shocking news that the British cruiser Aboukir had been torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea, and that when her consorts, the Hogue and Cressy, stood by to rescue the Aboukir's crew, they were quickly sunk in turn by the U-boat's torpedoes. Mahan thought that by keeping a good lookout and strengthening its destroyer patrols, the Royal Navy would soon meet the submarine menace.

And recently Capt. Frederick L. Oliver, an American naval officer schooled in the Mahan tradition, voiced a similarly favourable view of Britain's ability to

quickly counteract advanced submarine and air tactics now being used by the Germans. This outstanding naval authority asserts that by increased use of aeroplane scouting patrols along heavily travelled convoy tracks the Royal Navy will soon thwart Germany's efforts to cut Britain's overseas lifelines.

It is encouraging to keep these views in mind when we ask ourselves whether Mahan would say the British fleet holds the decision in the present conflict in which the aeroplane has projected a dangerous new dimension into the strategy of war.

Those who now insist that "time is on the side of Britain" will find their judgment confirmed in this warning and this prophecy by Mahan on the importance of the time factor in war:

If time be, as is everywhere admitted, a supreme factor in war, it behooves countries whose genius is essentially not military, whose people, like all free people, object to pay for large military establishments, to see to it that they are at least strong enough to gain the time necessary to turn the spirit and capacity of their subjects into the new activities which war calls for. If the existing force by land or sea is strong enough to hold out, even though at a disadvantage, the country may rely upon its natural resources and strength coming into play for whatever they are worth its wealth, its capacities of every kind.

While Hitler appears to have matched the diplomatic and military successes of Napoleon, it appears thus far that he has also matched Napoleon's failures. Thwarted by British sea power in his plans to invade England, the French Emperor about-faced and marched toward Austerlitz. Does Hitler's drive to the east mean that British sea power already has forced history to repeat itself?

To-day Germany's air power is hammering relentlessly at Mahan's six points. But the island fortress holds fast. Bulwarked by an inspiring faith in Mahan's fifth point, its belief in the sixth unshaken, Britain waits resolutely for Hitler to attempt his promised coming—confident as always in the supremacy of its sea power.

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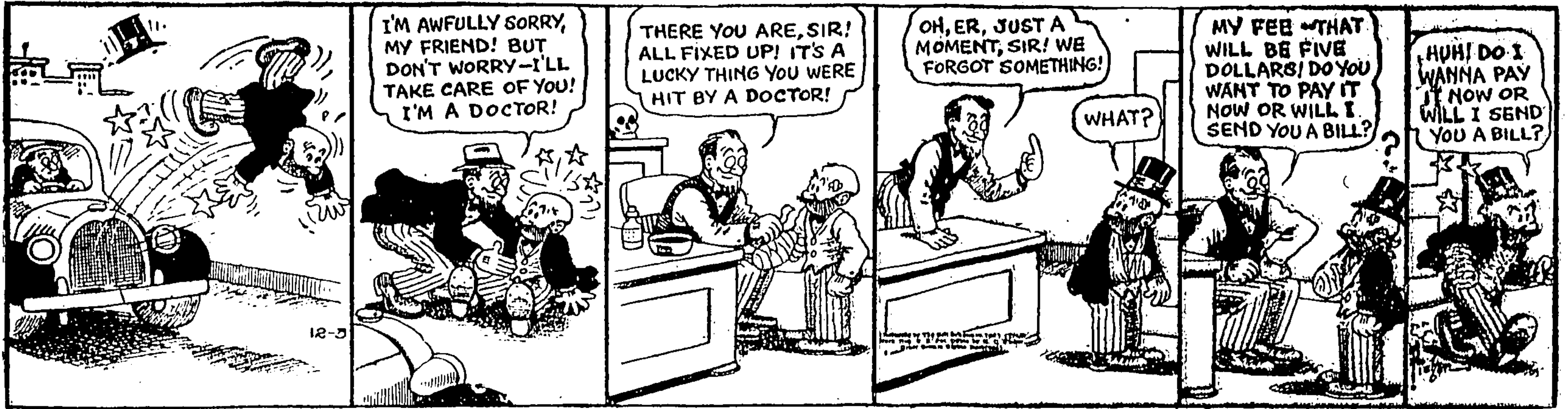
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Swimming Best For Beauty

SWIMMING is one sport which may be enjoyed the year 'round. During the hotter months, sea bathing is refreshing and beautifying and during the colder months pool swimming serves to keep our bodies streamlined and healthy.

Women with heavy thighs and legs should most certainly go regularly to a pool to thrash their limbs up and down in the water. This is done by holding on to the side of the pool and letting the body float. To a rhythmic counting of "one-two, one-two" the legs are thrashed up and down. After a few moments of relaxation, in order to catch one's breath, you should swim away from the edge of the pool, turn over on your back and float. When you are sure of your balance again thrash your legs up as high as possible out of the water and down onto the water. A few weeks of this exercise and even the heaviest of thighs, hips and legs will be slimmed!

Using the Diving Board

Another leg shaping exercise and back exercise combined is possible by hanging on to the end of a diving board with both hands. For a minute or two simply hang. Feel every vertebra going into correct alignment. Then lift both legs up to a right angle, push them first to the right side and then to the left side. Repeat this until you feel a straining in your arms. Let go of the board and float for a rest period.

Again grasp the end of the board and move your legs forward and backward as if you were walking rapidly. Muscles which never get used are thus exercised but you must be sure to not strain yourself. Rest on the side of the pool or float whenever you feel you must.

Protect Your Hair

Many women write me that they would swim regularly if they could keep their hair from getting wet. The expense and fuss required for frequent settings is



Anne Nagel, Jeanne Kelly, and Kay Leslie practice the leg beautifying exercise described to-day.

too much for them. After experimenting I have found a solution to this problem.

There is a bathing cap with a chin strap on the market which has a suction rim inside. This must be wet before the cap is put on and your hair should be brushed high on your head. Once the cap is pulled down past your hair

line it stays put and no water creeps past the suction rim. If you wish further protection you may buy two strips of chamois, sew them into a strip and wind this around your hairline before slipping on the cap. I know that your hair cannot get even damp if these two precautions are taken!

Beauty Hints For Your Reference Book

TO LIGHTEN BLONDE HAIR alternate the after-shampoo rinses with lemon juice one time and white vinegar the next shampoo.

A QUICK SUBSTITUTE FOR A SOAP SHAMPOO is a hairbrush covered with absorbent cotton or several layers of sheer chiffon. Brush your hair thoroughly and you will be amazed at the grime and oil thus removed from your tresses.

FOR SKIN GLOW in the evening apply your favourite foundation cream to all exposed skin—face, neck, shoulders and arms. Let it set for a few moments, blot lightly with fresh tissue and then dust with your best face powder which should have a becoming rose tint in it. Carry a puff covered with powder wrapped in an evening chiffon hanky to use after removing your evening wrap.

TO RELIEVE BURNING FEET at the end of the day or the morning after a night of dancing, massage them with a cooling oil of wintergreen and then rub them with ice wrapped in a linen towel.

TO DRAMATISE EYELASHES apply two coats of mascara to the outer lashes only (those nearer the nose are not darkened). Be certain the colouring does not bleed. After the second coat has dried, thoroughly touch the very tips with vaseline to relieve the "dead black" effect. Also apply a

bit of the vaseline to your eyelids.

TO BEAUTIFY DULL-LOOKING HAIR massage the scalp with a handful of table salt prior to the last rinse of a shampoo. Give the scalp a brisk massage with finger tips. Three brushes with varying bristles—soft, medium and very stiff—should be used daily to brush the hair and a fine toothed comb is excellent for stimulating the scalp at the end of a tiring day.

FOR COMPLEXION BEAUTY try drinking a quart of milk each day going one full day and night each week without any make-up after your skin has been thoroughly washed; massaging your skin with a lubricating cream and complexion brush at least once a week. Between these treatments use daily bland soap and water washings to keep your skin clean.

IF UPPER LIP IS SHORTER THAN LOWER dramatise it by drawing a curve from corner to corner with no cupid's bow. Then extend the corners of the lower lip with an upward lift with the lipstick brush. This is a la Belle Davis and denotes strong character and fine sensibilities!

TO MAKE LIPSTICK STICK dry lips thoroughly, powder them lightly and apply thin coat of lip colour. Blot it with face tissue and apply second coat of lip rouge. After five minutes blot the second coat with tissue. Some girls dampen absorbent cotton with a chilled cologne and press the cotton against the lips.

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CHRIST CHURCH BOYS' SPORTS



An interlude in the obstacle race at the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



Miss Lee and Mrs. Booker line up the boys for a flat race at the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



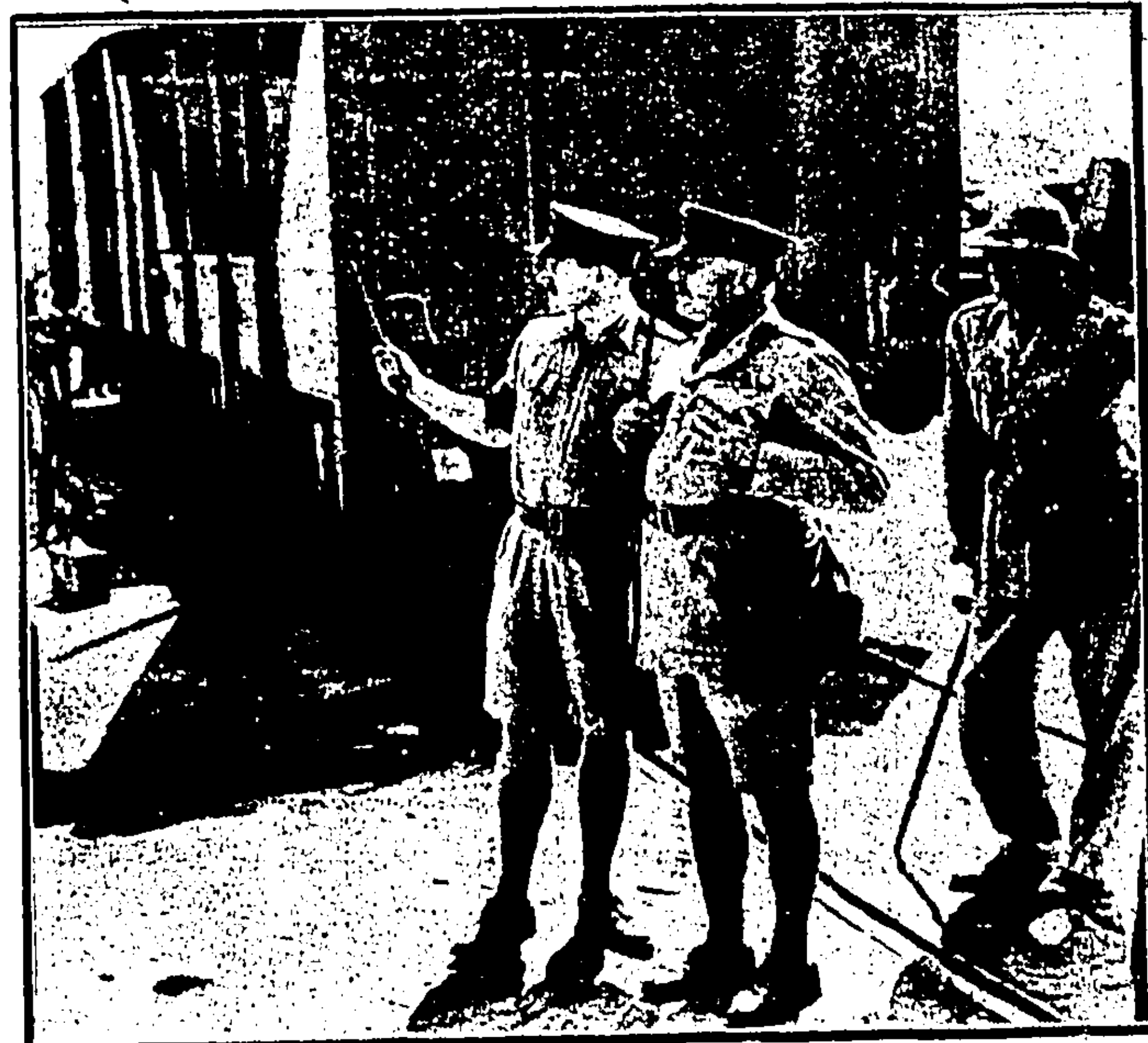
The field well strung out. The finish of a race in the Christ Church Boys' Club sports on Saturday.



The Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, held sports for members of the Boys' Club on Saturday. Above is a group of competitors and officials, the latter, in the back row, including Mrs. F. E. F. Booker, Mr. Abbas, Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, Miss Lee and Mrs. Anderson.



A scene during the Sing Tao-South China Football match on Club ground last Sunday. Sing Tao outplayed South China and won by 3 goals to 1.



Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Mailland Wilson, G.O.C., B.T.E., watching ships unloading a cargo of new equipment in Egypt for the operations in Libya. (Copyright, Fox).



THE END OF A RAIDER — Five German bombers were destroyed in one night recently, the Air Ministry announced. This is the biggest number since mass night raids began. One of the machines came to grief at Hornchurch, Essex, and this photo shows the tail and fuselage of the wrecked bomber. (Copyright, Fox).